

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 471

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CANDIDATES FOR  
NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS; TO ALLOW CERTAIN CANDIDATES  
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OTHER PURPOSES.

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BALLOT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-10-103(f)(B)(ii), concerning filing as a candidate for nonpartisan elections, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) A candidate may use as the prefix the title of a nonpartisan judicial office in an election for a nonpartisan judicial office only if:

(a) The candidate is currently serving in a judicial position to which the candidate has been elected in the last election for the office; ~~or~~

(b) The candidate:

(1) Is a candidate for ~~the office of~~  
~~circuit judge or district judge~~ a nonpartisan judicial office;



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(2) Is currently serving in ~~the position of circuit judge or district judge~~ a nonpartisan judicial office as an appointee; and

(3) Has been serving in that position for at least twelve (12) months; or

(c) The candidate has previously served in a nonpartisan judicial office.