Hall of the House of Representatives
93rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2021
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1655

TO AMEND ARKANSAS ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ORGANIZED POLITICAL PARTIES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PARTY PRIMARIES.

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Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1655

Amend House Bill No. 1655 as originally introduced:

Delete Representative Dotson as sponsor of the bill

AND

Add Representative Penzo as the sponsor of the bill

AND

Add Representative Dotson as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Add Senator Hester as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ORGANIZED POLITICAL PARTIES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:

"TO AMEND ARKANSAS ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ORGANIZED POLITICAL PARTIES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICES."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 23 through 36

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 4

AND

Page 2, line 6, delete "SECTION 2." and substitute "SECTION 1."

AND

Page 2, line 10, delete "(1)" and substitute "(1)(A)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 12, and substitute the following:
"committee.
			(B) However, the filing fee for municipal offices shall be
fixed at an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars ($25)."

AND

Page 2, delete line 33, and substitute the following:
"party.

	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(a), concerning nominating
petitions for municipal elections, is amended to read as follows:
	(a)(1) The city or town council of ~~any~~ a city or town with the mayor-
council form of government~~, may~~ shall request the county party committees of
recognized political parties under the laws of the state to conduct party
primaries for municipal offices for the forthcoming year by resolution
passed:
			(A) Before January 1 of the year of the election, if the
election will occur in a year in which the preferential primary election is
held in May under § 7-7-203; and
			(B) No less than sixty (60) days before the party filing
period begins under § 7-7-203, if the election will occur in a year in which
the preferential primary election is held in March under § 7-7-203.
		(2) ~~The resolution shall remain in effect for the subsequent~~
~~elections unless revoked by the city or town council.~~
		~~(3)~~ When the resolution has been adopted, the clerk or recorder
shall mail a certified copy of the resolution to the chairs of the county
party committees and to the chairs of the state party committees.
		~~(4)~~(3) Candidates nominated for municipal office by political
primaries under this section shall be certified by the county party
committees to the county board of election commissioners and shall be placed
on the ballot at the general election."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Dotson
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