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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1223

5 By: Representative Ray
6 By: Senator Gilmore
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FORM OF
10 BALLOTS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF A
11 PREFIX IN AN ELECTION FOR A NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL
12 OFFICE BY AN APPOINTEE TO A NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL
13 OFFICE; TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF
14 JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF
15 APPEALS WHO IS SERVING IN THAT POSITION AS AN
16 APPOINTEE TO USE THE TITLE OF THAT POSITION AS A
17 PREFIX ON THE BALLOT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF
22 JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OR JUDGE OF
23 THE COURT OF APPEALS WHO IS SERVING IN
24 THAT POSITION AS AN APPOINTEE TO USE THE
25 TITLE OF THAT POSITION AS A PREFIX ON
26 THE BALLOT.
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-305(c)(1)(B), concerning the form of
31 ballots and the use of a prefix to the name of a person who files for an
32 elective office, is amended to read as follows:

33 (B) A person may use as the prefix the title of a
34 nonpartisan judicial office in an election for a nonpartisan judicial office
35 only if:

36 (i) The person is currently serving in a nonpartisan



1 judicial office to which the person has been elected in the last election for
2 the office; or

3 (ii) The person:

4 (a) Is a candidate for the office of Justice
5 of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge, or
6 district judge;

7 (b) Is currently serving in the office of
8 Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge,
9 or district judge as an appointee; and

10 (c) Has been serving in that position for at
11 least twelve (12) months.

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