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A Bill

SENATE BILL 209

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INITIATIVE
10 PETITIONS AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS; TO DISQUALIFY
11 SIGNATURES OBTAINED BY A CANVASSER UNDER CERTAIN
12 CIRCUMSTANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO DISQUALIFY SIGNATURES OBTAINED BY A
18 CANVASSER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES;
19 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-9-103, concerning the signing of a
24 petition, penalty for falsification, and notice of suspected forgery for
25 initiative petitions and referendum petitions, is amended to add an
26 additional subsection to read as follows:

27 (e)(1) The Secretary of State shall not count signatures collected and
28 witnessed by a canvasser if the Secretary of State finds by a preponderance
29 of the evidence that the canvasser has violated Arkansas laws regarding
30 canvassing, perjury, forgery, or fraudulent practices in the procurement of
31 petition signatures or any provision of the Arkansas Constitution applicable
32 to the collection of signatures on an initiative petition or referendum
33 petition during the current election cycle.

34 (2) This subsection shall not constrain the duties and authority
35 of the Secretary of State as set forth in Arkansas law.
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