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SENATE BILL

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FILING FEES OF A
CANDIDATE SEEKING NOMINATION BY A POLITICAL PARTY; TO
ESTABLISH A RANGE FOR POLITICAL PARTY FILING FEES;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FILING FEES
OF A CANDIDATE SEEKING NOMINATION BY A
POLITICAL PARTY; AND TO ESTABLISH A
RANGE FOR POLITICAL PARTY FILING FEES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-301(a), concerning political party
filing fees for candidates seeking nomination by that party, is amended to
read as follows:

(a) A political party may impose a filing fee for candidates seeking
nomination by that party. The filing fee for county, municipal, and township
offices shall be fixed by the county committee, as authorized by the state
executive committee. For all other races, the filing fee shall be established
by the state executive committee. On or before noon of the last day of the
political party filing period, all candidates at primary elections of
political parties shall file an affidavit of eligibility and any pledge
required by such party and shall pay the party filing fees required by the

party, as follows:

(1)(A) Candidates for United States Senator, for United States Representative, and for all state offices shall file the pledge and the affidavit of eligibility and pay the party filing fees with the secretary of the state committee of the political party or his or her designated agent.

(B) The filing fee set by the political party's state executive committee shall be an amount no more than five percent (5%) of the salary of the office for which the candidate is seeking nomination.

(C) The political party's state executive committee may set the amount of the filing fee at zero (\$0.00);

(2)(A) Candidates for district offices, including, but not limited to, the offices of State Representative and State Senator, shall file the pledge and affidavit of eligibility with the secretary of the state committee of the political party or his or her designated agent and pay the party filing fees with the secretary of the state committee of the political party or his or her designated agent.

(B) The filing fee set by the political party's state executive committee shall be an amount no more than three percent (3%) of the salary of the office for which the candidate is seeking nomination.

(C) The political party's state executive committee may set the amount of the filing fee at zero (\$0.00); and

(3) All candidates for county, municipal, and township offices, candidates for county committee member, and delegates to the county convention shall file the pledge and the affidavit of eligibility and pay the party filing fees with the secretary of the county committee of the political party.

Referred by Senator B. King

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