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A Bill

SENATE BILL 471

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CANDIDATES FOR
10 NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS; TO ALLOW CERTAIN CANDIDATES
11 FOR NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS TO USE THE TITLE OF THE
12 NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE ON THE BALLOT; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-10-103(f)(B)(ii), concerning filing as a
27 candidate for nonpartisan elections, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

34 (b) The candidate:

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



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

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

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

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