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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION
10 CONTAINED IN THE PETITION OR NOTICE OF WRITE-IN
11 CANDIDACY OF A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION ON THE BOARD
12 OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 WRITE-IN CANDIDACY OF A CANDIDATE FOR A
19 POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A
20 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
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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 § 6-14-111(e), concerning a petition for a
27 position on the board of directors of a public school district, is amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (e)(1) The petition, affidavit of eligibility, and the candidate's
30 political practices pledge shall be filed with the county clerk during a one-
31 week period ending at 12:00 noon seventy (70) days before the annual school
32 election.

33 (2)(A) The county clerk shall not accept a candidate's petition
34 until the county clerk has verified that:

35 (i) The address where the candidate is registered to
36 vote is within the election zone, if applicable, represented by the position



1 on the board of directors that the candidate has indicated on the petition;
 2 and

3 (ii) The position on the board of directors that the
 4 candidate has indicated on the petition is scheduled to be filled during the
 5 current election.

6 (B) The county clerk shall reject a petition that does not
 7 comply with subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section.

8 (C) The county clerk shall inform the candidate:

9 (i) That the candidate's petition was accepted or
 10 rejected; and

11 (ii) If the candidate's petition was rejected, the
 12 reason for the rejection.

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 14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(g), concerning a notice of intent
 15 to be a write-in candidate for a position on the board of directors of a
 16 public school district, is amended to read as follows:

17 (g)(1) Votes for a write-in candidate for school district director
 18 shall not be counted or tabulated unless the candidate files with the county
 19 clerk during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon seventy (70) days before
 20 the annual school election:

21 ~~(1)(A)~~ A written notice of his or her intention to be a
 22 write-in candidate identifying the position sought, including without
 23 limitation the position number or other identifying information if
 24 applicable;

25 ~~(2)(B)~~ An affidavit of eligibility; and

26 ~~(3)(C)~~ The political practices pledge.

27 (2)(A) Upon receipt of the candidate's notice of intention to be
 28 a write-in candidate, the county clerk shall immediately verify that:

29 (i) The address where the candidate is registered to
 30 vote is within the election zone, if applicable, represented by the position
 31 on the board of directors that the candidate has indicated on the notice of
 32 intention to be a write-in candidate; and

33 (ii) The position on the board of directors that the
 34 candidate has indicated on the notice of intention to be a write-in candidate
 35 is scheduled to be filled during the current election.

36 (B) The county clerk shall reject a notice of intention to

1 be a write-in candidate that does not comply with subdivision (g)(2)(A) of
2 this section.

3 (C) The county clerk shall inform the candidate:

4 (i) That the candidate's notice of intention to be a
5 write-in candidate was accepted or rejected; and

6 (ii) If the candidate's notice of intention to be a
7 write-in candidate was rejected, the reason for the rejection.

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