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A Bill

SENATE BILL 684

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING POLITICAL PARTY
9 FILING FEES; TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM POLITICAL PARTY
10 FILING FEES FOR CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICES; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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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 § 7-7-301 is amended to read as follows:

24 7-7-301. Party pledges, affidavits of eligibility, and party filing
25 fees.

26 (a) A political party may impose a filing fee for candidates seeking
27 nomination by that party.

28 (1) The filing fee for county, municipal, and township offices
29 shall be fixed by the county committee, as authorized by the state executive
30 committee.

31 (2) For all other races, the filing fee shall be established by
32 the state executive committee, except for the office of:

33 (A) United States Senator, the minimum filing fee shall be
34 twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000);

35 (B) United States Representative, the minimum filing fee
36 shall be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);



1 party.

2 (b) The county clerk shall not accept for filing the political
3 practices pledge of any candidate for nomination by a political party to any
4 county, township, or partisan municipal office, nor shall the Secretary of
5 State accept for filing the political practices pledge of any candidate for
6 nomination by a political party to any state or district office, unless the
7 candidate first files a party certificate.

8 (c) Any candidate who shall fail to file the party pledge and
9 affidavit of eligibility and pay the party filing fee at the time and in the
10 manner as provided in this section shall not receive a party certificate and
11 shall not have his or her name printed on the ballot at any primary election.

12 (d) The names of candidates who file with the state committee as
13 provided in this section shall be certified to the various county committees
14 and the various county boards of election commissioners in the manner and at
15 the time provided in § 7-7-203.

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