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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1338

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6 Haak, Hollowell, L. Johnson, Lowery, Lynch, M. McElroy, McGrew, McNair, Pilkington, Ray, Slape,
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8 By: Senators Bledsoe, B. Ballinger, A. Clark, L. Eads, K. Hammer, M. Johnson, Rapert, Rice

For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO AMEND ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE PETITION
12 PROCESS TO BE ON THE BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE FOR
13 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR VICE PRESIDENT OF
14 THE UNITED STATES; TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
15 SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT FOR
16 THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE
17 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; AND FOR OTHER
18 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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22 TO AMEND ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE
23 PETITION PROCESS TO BE ON THE BALLOT AS A
24 CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT
25 OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO INCREASE THE
26 NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO BE
27 LISTED ON THE BALLOT.

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

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32 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-8-302(5)(B), concerning the candidates
33 for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States,
34 the method of election and certification of electors, petitions for placement
35 on the ballot, contesting conventions, and vacancy, is amended to read as
36 follows:



1 (B) A political group desiring to have the names of its
2 candidates for President and Vice President printed on the ballot shall file
3 a petition with the Secretary of State by noon on the first Monday of August
4 of the year of the election. The petition shall contain at the time of filing
5 the names of ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ five thousand (5,000) qualified electors of
6 the state declaring their desire to have printed on the ballot the names of
7 their candidate for President and Vice President. The Secretary of State
8 shall verify the sufficiency of the petition within ten (10) days from the
9 filing of the petition. If the petition is determined to be insufficient, the
10 Secretary of State shall notify in writing the political group through its
11 designated agent and shall set forth his or her reasons for so finding.
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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-8-302(6)(A), concerning the candidates
14 for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States,
15 the method of election and certification of electors, petitions for placement
16 on the ballot, contesting conventions, and vacancy, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 (6)(A) Persons desiring to have their names printed on the
19 ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President shall file
20 a petition with the Secretary of State by noon on the first Monday of August
21 of the year of the election. The petition shall contain at the time of filing
22 the names of ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ five thousand (5,000) qualified electors of
23 the state declaring their desire to have printed on the ballot the names of
24 the persons desiring their names to be printed on the ballot as independent
25 candidates for President and Vice President. The Secretary of State shall
26 verify the sufficiency of the petition within ten (10) days from the filing
27 of the petition. If the petition is determined to be insufficient, the
28 Secretary of State shall notify in writing the persons desiring to have their
29 names printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice
30 President at the address or telephone number submitted with the petition and
31 shall set forth his or her reasons for so finding.
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