

# A Bill

## For An Act To Be Entitled:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A "POLITICAL PARTY"

## Subtitle:

THE POLITICAL PARTY INCLUSION ACT

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

Arkansas Code § 7-1-101, concerning definitions applicable to election law, is amended to read as follows:

*(26) (A) "Political party" means any group of voters that ~~at~~ in either of the last two preceding general elections polled for its candidate ~~for Governor in the state or nominees for presidential electors in any statewide election~~ at least ~~three percent (3%)~~ two percent (2%) of the entire vote cast for the office.*

*(B) A group of electors shall not assume a name or designation that is so similar in the opinion of the Secretary of State to that of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election.*

*(C) When any political party fails to obtain least ~~three percent (3%)~~ two percent (2%) of the total votes cast ~~at an election for the office of Governor or nominees for presidential electors in any statewide election in two successive general elections~~, it shall cease to be a political party;*

*(D) For the purposes of this section, a "statewide election" includes votes for presidential electors, United States Senate, Governor, or any other office that is voted upon throughout the state.*