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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1070

5 By: Representative John Carr
6 By: Senator J. Bryant
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE BALLOT DRAW STANDARDIZATION ACT
10 OF 2025; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE DRAWING
11 OF LOTS TO DETERMINE THE ORDER IN WHICH THE NAMES OF
12 CANDIDATES APPEAR ON THE BALLOT; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 TO CREATE THE BALLOT DRAW
18 STANDARDIZATION ACT OF 2025.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
23 "Ballot Draw Standardization Act of 2025".
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25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-207(c), concerning the draw for ballot
26 position, is amended to read as follows:

27 (c)(1)(A) The order in which the names of the candidates ~~shall~~ appear
28 on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the county
29 board of election commissioners not less than seventy-two (72) days before
30 the general election.

31 (B)(i) The lot to determine the order in which a
32 candidate's name appears on the ballot shall be drawn by the candidate or his
33 or her designee.

34 (ii) Except as provided in subdivision
35 (c)(1)(B)(iii) of this section, a person shall not be designated to draw by
36 lot for more than one (1) candidate at the public meeting under subdivision



1 (c)(1)(A) of this section to determine the order in which the names of the
2 candidates appear on the ballot.

3 (iii) If a candidate does not appear in person to
4 draw by lot and does not designate a person to draw by lot on his or her
5 behalf, the lot shall be drawn by a member of the county board of election
6 commissioners or a person designated by the county board of election
7 commissioners.

8 (C) Lots shall be drawn in the following order:

9 (i) First, by all candidates who appear in person at
10 the drawing of lots, with the order in which the candidates draw by lot
11 determined by the filing date and time of each candidate, beginning with the
12 candidate who filed for office first and, if the candidates filed for office
13 on the same date, the candidate who filed for office first in time;

14 (ii) Second, by all persons designated by a
15 candidate to draw by lot on his or her behalf, with the order in which the
16 designees draw by lot determined by the filing date and time of the each
17 candidate appointing the designee, beginning with the candidate who filed for
18 office first and, if the candidates filed for office on the same date, the
19 candidate who filed for office first in time; and

20 (iii) Third, by members of the county board of
21 election commissioners or persons designated by the county board of election
22 commissioners if a candidate does not appear in person and does not designate
23 a person to draw by lot on his or her behalf, with the order in which the
24 members or persons draw by lot determined by the filing date and time of each
25 candidate who does not appear in person or appoint a designee, beginning with
26 the candidate who filed for office first and, if the candidates filed for
27 office on the same date, the candidate who filed for office first in time.

28 (2) Notice of the public meeting under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of
29 this section shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general
30 circulation in the county at least three (3) days before the drawing.

31 (3) For runoff elections, the ballot order for eligible
32 candidates shall be the same as for the previous election leading to the
33 runoff.

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