

NOTICE TO WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Notification to County Boards of Election Commissioners Required

Votes for write-in candidates shall not be counted unless the write-in candidate notifies, in writing, the county board of election commissioners of **EACH** county in which the candidate seeks election. See Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-205. A copy of the written notification which is provided to the county boards should also be filed with the Secretary of State if running for U.S. Senate, U.S. House or **ANY** state or district office during the applicable Party Filing Period; a copy of the written notification should also be filed with each County Clerk.

The text of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-205 (as amended) states:

No votes for write-in candidates shall be counted or tabulated unless:

(1) The candidate notifies in writing the county board of election commissioners of each county in which the candidate seeks election at least ninety (90) days prior to the election and files the notice with either:

(A) The Secretary of State, if a candidate for United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, or any state or district office; or

(B) The county clerk if a candidate for a county or township office;

(2) The candidate files with the county clerk or the Secretary of State, as required, a political practices pledge and an affidavit of eligibility for the office at the same time the candidate files his or her notice of write-in candidacy;

(3) The notice of write-in candidacy, the political practices pledge, and the affidavit of eligibility are filed no later than the last day of the party filing period; and

(4) The name written on the ballot is the same name listed on the write-in candidate's political practices pledge, except that any abbreviation, misspelling, or other minor variation in the form of the name of the candidate shall be disregarded if the intention of the voter may be ascertained.

By my signature below, I _____, hereby acknowledge that I received a copy of this Notice to Write-In Candidates when I filed my Political Practices Pledge, Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit of Eligibility with the Arkansas Secretary of State, and acknowledge that I have provided the Secretary of State a true and correct copy of the Notice that I will provide (or have already provided) to each County Board of Election Commissioners, and each County Clerk where I am running for office.

Candidate Signature

Date