ADDENDUM

I. Popular Name and Ballot Title as Presented to the SBEC

Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment Establishing Top Four Open Primary Elections and Majority Winner General Elections with Instant Runoffs if Necessary

Ballot Title

An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution requiring that all qualified electors be permitted to vote in a primary election, which must use a single ballot that lists all candidates for a covered office for whom that elector can vote regardless of political-party affiliation (or lack thereof) of the elector or candidate; defining the term "covered office" to mean each federal congressional office, each member of the General Assembly, and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, Attorney General, and Commissioner of State Lands; providing that "covered office" does not include the Office of the President of the United States; defining "qualified elector" to mean a person who meets the requirements of Arkansas Constitution, article 3, § 1 and Amendment 51; providing that the four candidates for each covered office at a primary election who receive the most votes, regardless of party, will then appear on the general-election ballot for that covered office, and requiring that no other candidates can appear on the general-election ballot for a covered office; providing that, at a general election for a covered office, qualified electors may rank one or more candidates in order of preference; requiring that the winner of a general election for a covered office be determined through an instant runoff process where votes must first be counted based on first-choice rankings; establishing that if, after counting votes according to first-choice rankings, a candidate has a majority of votes, that candidate must be declared the winner; providing that if no candidate has a majority of the votes, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the vote of each qualified elector whose first choice was the eliminated candidate is then

counted for the elector's next-choice candidate (if any); providing that if a candidate then has a majority of votes remaining, that candidate must be declared the winner; providing that if no candidate has a majority of the votes, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the vote of each qualified elector whose next choice was the eliminated candidate is then counted for the elector's next-choice candidate (if any); providing that if a candidate then has a majority of votes remaining, they must be declared the winner; providing that candidates for a covered office at a primary election, and at a general election, may choose to have their political-party affiliation indicated on the ballot; providing that such an indication will not constitute or imply the political party's nomination, endorsement, or selection of the candidate; providing that political parties may have their preferences for candidates for a covered office indicated on the primary and general election ballots and may also nominate, endorse, support, or oppose any candidate; and requiring the General Assembly to enact legislation to provide for a revised election process in accordance with and in furtherance of this Amendment; providing that all provisions of the Constitution, statutes, and common law of this State to the extent inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of this Amendment are expressly declared null and void as to, and do not apply to, any activities provided for under this Amendment.

II. Popular Name and Ballot Title Divided into Separate Clauses for Clarity of Reading

Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment Establishing Top Four Open Primary Elections and Majority Winner General Elections with Instant Runoffs if Necessary

Ballot Title

(1) An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution requiring that all qualified electors be permitted to vote in a primary election, which must use a single ballot that lists all candidates for a covered office for whom that elector can vote regardless of political-party affiliation (or lack thereof) of the elector or candidate;

(2) defining the term "covered office" to mean each federal congressional office, each member of the General Assembly, and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, Attorney General, and Commissioner of State Lands;

(3) providing that "covered office" does not include the Office of the President of the United States;

(4) defining "qualified elector" to mean a person who meets the requirements of Arkansas Constitution, article 3, § 1 and Amendment 51;

(5) providing that the four candidates for each covered office at a primary election who receive the most votes, regardless of party, will then appear on the general-election ballot for that covered office, and requiring that no other candidates can appear on the general-election ballot for a covered office;

(6) providing that, at a general election for a covered office, qualified electors may rank one or more candidates in order of preference;

(7) requiring that the winner of a general election for a covered office be determined through an instant runoff process where votes must first be counted based on first-choice rankings;

(8) establishing that if, after counting votes according to first-choice rankings, a candidate has a majority of votes, that candidate must be declared the winner;

(9) providing that if no candidate has a majority of the votes, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the vote of each qualified elector whose first choice was the eliminated candidate is then counted for the elector's next-choice candidate (if any);

(10) providing that if a candidate then has a majority of votes remaining, that candidate must be declared the winner;

(11) providing that if no candidate has a majority of the votes, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the vote of each qualified elector whose next choice was the eliminated candidate is then counted for the elector's next-choice candidate (if any);

(12) providing that if a candidate then has a majority of votes remaining, they must be declared the winner;

(13) providing that candidates for a covered office at a primary election, and at a general election, may choose to have their political-party affiliation indicated on the ballot;

(14) providing that such an indication will not constitute or imply the political party's nomination, endorsement, or selection of the candidate;

(15) providing that political parties may have their preferences for candidates for a covered office indicated on the primary and general election ballots and may also nominate, endorse, support, or oppose any candidate;

(16) and requiring the General Assembly to enact legislation to provide for a revised election process in accordance with and in furtherance of this Amendment;

(17) providing that all provisions of the Constitution, statutes, and common law of this State to the extent inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of this Amendment are expressly declared null and void as to, and do not apply to, any activities provided for under this Amendment.