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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1683

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6 By: Senator A. Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES REGARDING
10 ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES REGARDING
15 ELECTIONS.

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-103(a)(9), concerning penalties for
21 miscellaneous misdemeanor offenses, is amended to add an additional
22 subdivision to read as follows:

23 (D) A person shall not recklessly operate, use, or operate
24 a vehicle containing a sound amplification device or a vehicle with a sound
25 amplification device while making a political speech or electioneer within
26 one thousand feet (1,000') of a building in which a polling place is located
27 and voting is taking place;

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-105 is amended to read as follows:

30 7-6-105. Use of sound equipment – Penalty for interference.

31 (a) ~~When any~~ If a citizen of Arkansas ~~becomes~~ is a lawful candidate in
32 ~~any a~~ primary or general election ~~and complies with all the laws pertaining~~
33 ~~thereto, then,~~ the candidate ~~shall be entitled to go into any city, town,~~
34 ~~municipality, or rural community in Arkansas and may~~ operate his or her
35 acoustical or sound equipment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
36 ~~notwithstanding any town or city ordinance to the contrary~~ in a city, town,



1 municipality, or rural community in Arkansas, unless the candidate is
2 operating the equipment within one thousand feet (1,000') of a building in
3 which a polling place is located and voting is taking place.

4 ~~(b)(1) Any A person who interferes in any manner shall not interfere~~
5 ~~with the right granted in this section shall be guilty of a Class B~~
6 ~~misdemeanor~~ a candidate operating acoustical or sound equipment pursuant to
7 subsection (a) of this section.

8 (2) A person who violates subdivision (b)(1) of this section is
9 guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

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