

# BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE (BQC)\* STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

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### Section One: BQC Name

Name of BQC (in full): Protect AR Rights

### Section Two: BQC Address & Phone Number

If BQC has no office address, use the address of the BQC officer authorized to receive notices on behalf of the BQC.

Address: PO Box 7641

City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72217 Telephone Number: 501-307-9562

### Section Three: BQC Officers and Directors

Provide the name, title, address, and telephone number of the treasurer and other principal officers and directors of the BQC.

Name: Bill Kopsky Title: Treasurer

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

Name: Lauren Cowles Title: Officer

Address: 200 W Capitol #1600 City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-307-9562

Name: April Reisma Title: Officer

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

Name: Barry Jefferson Title: Director

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

\* The term "ballot question committee" is defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-402(2) and 7 CAR § 7-101(3) Rules on ballot and legislative question committees.

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Name: Bobby Howard Title: Director

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

Name: Gennie Diaz Title: Director

Address: 200 W Capitol #1600 City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-307-9562

Name: Keesa Smith Title: Director

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Telephone Number: 501-658-8815

Name: Kymara Seals Title: Director

Address: 1308 W 2nd St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

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**Section Four: Financial Information**

Provide the name and address of each financial institution in which the BQC deposits money or anything else of monetary value.

Name of Financial Institution: Centennial Bank

Address: 718 Broadway St City: Little Rock State: AR Zip: 72201

Name of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section Five: Members**

Provide the name of each person who is a member of the committee. A person that is not an individual may be listed by its name without also listing its own members, if any.

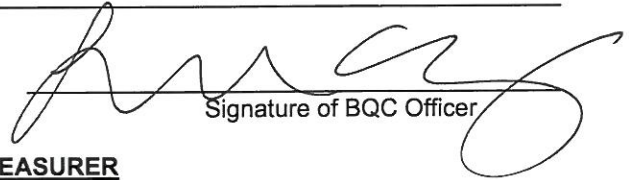
Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families; Arkansas Appleseed; Arkansas Citizens First Congress;  
Arkansas Public Policy Panel; For AR People; NAACP Arkansas State Conference; Arkansas Education  
Association

**Section Six: Brief Statement**

Provide a brief statement identifying the substance of each ballot question as to which the BQC will expressly advocate the qualification, disqualification, passage, or defeat, and, if known, the date each ballot question shall be presented to a popular vote at an election.

Protect AR Rights will advocate for the qualification of the Arkansas Ballot Initiative Amendment of  
2026 and to protect the people of Arkansas's right to propose, sign, petition and campaign for ballot initiatives  
to improve their communities.

Jan 15, 2026  
Date

  
Signature of BQC Officer

**CERTIFICATION BY TREASURER**

In my capacity as BQC Treasurer, I certify that no preliminary activity was directly funded by a prohibited source, whether directly or indirectly. Further, the BQC shall not knowingly or willfully receive, solicit, or accept contributions or expenditures from a prohibited source, whether directly or indirectly.†

Jan 15, 2026  
Date

  
Signature of BQC Treasurer

† The terms "directly or indirectly," "preliminary activity," and "prohibited source" are defined in Ark. Code Ann. 7-9-402. (Act 999 of 2025, 95th General Assembly, regular session).