

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill 12**

TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO SUBJECT ALL  
COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT TO THE FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 12**

Amend Senate Bill 12 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 12 and substitute the following:

"1967; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING  
REDISTRICTING BY THE BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT; TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
OF 1967; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW  
CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING  
REDISTRICTING BY THE BOARD OF  
APPORTIONMENT."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 26 through 36 and substitute the following:

"25-19-113. Board of Apportionment communications - Definition.



(a) As used in this section, "communication regarding redistricting" means a written communication, electronic communication, or oral communication concerning the apportionment of the state for representatives or otherwise pertaining to the drawing of legislative districts.

(b) A communication regarding redistricting by one (1) or more members of the Board of Apportionment or staff of the board:

(1) Shall be:

(A) Written;

(B) Electronic; or

(C) An oral communication recorded at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1); and

(2) Is a public record subject to this chapter.

(c) The board shall disclose to the public all communications made or received under subsection (b) of this section within three (3) business days of the communication.

(d) If one (1) or more members of the board or staff of the board receive an oral communication regarding redistricting other than one recorded at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1), the member of the board or his or her staff shall:

(1) Inform the speaker that all communications by one (1) or more members of the board or staff of the board must be:

(A) Written;

(B) Electronic; or

(C) An oral communication recorded at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1); and

(2) Take all reasonable steps to remove himself or herself from the oral communication that is not recorded at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1).

(e) This section does not prohibit discussion regarding the apportionment of the state for representatives at a public meeting of the board.

(f) This section shall not be construed to exempt a public record of the board from disclosure under this chapter if the public record would otherwise be deemed to be made open under this chapter.

(g) A person who knowingly violates subdivision (b)(1) of this section upon conviction is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator B. King

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Secretary