

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 227

TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND TO AMEND THE
PROVISIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 CONCERNING
PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 227

Amend Senate Bill 227 as engrossed S2/26/25 (version: 2/26/25 11:13:52 AM):

Page 7, line 5, delete "(2)(A)" and substitute "(2)"

AND

Page 7, line 12, delete "(e)(3) and (4)" and substitute "(e)(3)-(5)"

AND

Page 7, delete lines 15 through 17

AND

Page 7, line 18, delete "~~(2)~~(3)(A)" and substitute "~~(2)~~(3)"

AND

Page 7, delete lines 19 through 21, and substitute the following:

~~"(e)(1) of this section:~~ Other than governing bodies of municipalities, counties, or public school districts, a governing body may adopt a policy permitting members of the governing body to attend a public meeting remotely."



AND

Page 7, line 24, delete "(B)(i) Notice" and substitute "~~(B)~~—Notice"

AND

Page 7, delete lines 26 through 34, and substitute the following:

"(4) The ability of the governing body of a public school district to conduct a public meeting remotely shall be governed by § 6-13-619."

AND

Page 7, line 35, delete "~~(3)~~(4)" and substitute "~~(3)~~(5)"

AND

Page 8, line 4, delete "~~(4)~~(5)" and substitute "~~(4)~~(6)"

AND

Page 8, delete lines 15 and 16, and substitute the following:

"(B) Allow other members of the governing body and members of the public, whether physically present at the public meeting or attending the public meeting remotely, at all times to:"

AND

Page 8, line 19, delete "Observe" and substitute "Observe or otherwise understand"

AND

Page 8, delete lines 24 and 25, and substitute the following:

"remotely to hear the other members of the governing body and any public

comment."

AND

Page 8, line 26, delete "~~(5)(6)~~" and substitute "~~(5)(7)~~"

AND

Page 8, delete lines 29 through 36, and substitute the following:

"a public meeting remotely shall not receive mileage or per diem for attending the public meeting."

AND

Page 9, delete lines 1 and 2

AND

Page 9, line 3, delete "(7)" and substitute "(8)"

AND

Page 9, line 10, delete "(8)" and substitute "(9)"

AND

Page 9, line 16, delete "(9)" and substitute "(10)"

AND

Page 9, delete line 21, and substitute the following:

"(1)(A) He or she knows or reasonably should know is a poll.

(B) It is not a violation of subdivision (f)(1)(A) of this section if a secretary or administrative assistant of a governing body communicates in writing with one (1) or more members of the governing body for the purpose of conducting a ministerial act, including without limitation

scheduling a public meeting of the governing body or setting the agenda for a public meeting of the governing body.

(C) It is a violation of subdivision (f)(1)(A) of this section if a secretary or administrative assistant of a governing body communicates with one (1) or more members of the governing body to schedule a public meeting of the governing body or set the agenda for a public meeting of the governing body and the communication functionally conducts substantive business of the governing body concerning any matter on which official action would foreseeably be taken by the governing body; or"

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

By: Senator C. Tucker

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Secretary