

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

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**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.

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**Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 227**

Amend Senate Bill 227 as engrossed S3/3/25 (version: 3/3/25 10:57:08 AM):

Add Senator J. Petty as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 34, delete "together" and substitute "together, in a special or regular gathering,"

AND

Page 4, line 4, delete "hear" and substitute "hear all of"

AND

Page 8, line 22, delete "meeting" and substitute "meeting."

AND

Page 9, line 6, delete "(B)" and substitute "(B)(i)"

AND



Page 9, delete line 12, and substitute the following:

"(ii) It is a violation of subdivision (f)(1)(A) of this"

AND

Page 9, delete line 18, and substitute the following:

"would foreseeably be taken by the governing body."

(C)(i) It is not a violation of subdivision (f)(1)(A) of this section if an employee or an agent of a public entity communicates information that is background and non-decisional in nature to one (1) or more members of the governing body of the public entity.

(ii) Except as provided in subdivision (f)(1)(B)(i) of this section, it is a violation of subdivision (f)(1)(A) of this section if an employee or agent of a public entity communicates to a member of the governing body of the public entity:

(a) How another member of the governing body intends to vote; or

(b) Whether another member of the governing body supports or opposes a certain proposed action by the governing body; or"

AND

Page 9, line 23, delete "or employee or agent of a public"

AND

Page 9, delete line 24, and substitute the following:

"communicates information that is background and non-"

AND

Page 9, delete line 25, and substitute the following:

"decisional in nature to one (1) or more members of the same governing body."

(C) It is a violation of subdivision (f)(2)(A) of this section if a member of a governing body engages in any communication with one

(1) or more members of the governing body that constitutes an exchange of information or opinion to seek or disclose a decision on or to solicit, disclose, or inquire about a member's support or opposition concerning any matter on which official action will foreseeably be taken by the governing body."

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

By: Senator C. Tucker

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Secretary