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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1823

5 By: Representative V. Flowers
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF
9 1967; TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING OPEN PUBLIC
10 MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF
11 1967; TO REQUIRE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE
12 PUBLISHED ONLINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-106(b), concerning open public
25 meetings under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to add
26 additional subdivisions to read as follows:

27 (b)(1) The time and place of each regular meeting shall be:

28 (A) Published online at least forty-eight (48) hours
29 before the meeting takes place; and

30 (B) furnished ~~furnished~~ to anyone who requests the
31 information.

32 (2) In the event of emergency or special meetings, the person
33 calling the meeting shall:

34 (A) notify ~~Notify~~ the representatives of the newspapers,
35 radio stations, and television stations, if any, located in the county in
36 which the meeting is to be held and any news media located elsewhere that



1 cover regular meetings of the governing body and that have requested to be so
2 notified of emergency or special meetings of the time, place, and date of the
3 meeting; and

4 (B) Publish notice of the time, place, and date of the
5 meeting online.

6 (3) Notification required under subdivisions (b)(2)(A) and (B)
7 of this section shall be made at least two (2) hours before the meeting takes
8 place in order that the public shall have representatives at the meeting.

9 (4) As used in this subsection, "online" means a website or
10 social media page that is owned or maintained by an entity or the governing
11 body of an entity required to have public meetings under subsection (a) of
12 this section.

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