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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1836

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC ENTITIES TO POST VIDEO  
10 RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS; TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC  
11 MEETINGS TO BE RECORDED IN VIDEO FORMAT; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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17 VIDEO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND  
18 TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE  
19 RECORDED IN VIDEO FORMAT.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-106(d), concerning public meetings  
24 under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

25 (d)(1) All officially scheduled, special, and called open public  
26 meetings shall be recorded ~~in a manner that allows for the capture of sound,~~  
27 ~~including without limitation:~~

28 ~~(A) A sound only recording;~~

29 ~~(B) A as a video recording with sound and picture; or~~

30 ~~(C) A digital or analog broadcast capable of being recorded.~~

31 (2) A video recording of an open public meeting shall be  
32 maintained by a public entity for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of  
33 the open public meeting.

34 (3) The video recording shall be maintained in a format that may  
35 be reproduced upon a request under this chapter.

36 (4) Subdivisions (d)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to:



1 (A) Executive sessions; or

2 (B) Volunteer fire departments.

3 (5)(A) ~~Cities of the second class and incorporated towns are~~  
4 ~~exempt from subdivisions (d)(1) and (2) of this section until July 1, 2020~~ A  
5 public entity shall post the video recording of an open public meeting  
6 required under subdivision (d)(1) of this section on the public entity's  
7 website no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the public meeting.

8 (B) If a public entity does not have a website, the public  
9 entity shall post the video recording of an open public meeting to a social  
10 media account created and maintained by the public entity no later than  
11 twenty-four (24) hours after the public meeting.

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