

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: H4/3/25

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1929

5 By: Representative McAlindon
6 By: Senator J. Dotson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE RECOGNIZING JUDEA AND SAMARIA
10 ACT; TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM USING THE TERM
11 "WEST BANK" IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT MATERIALS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO CREATE THE RECOGNIZING JUDEA AND
16 SAMARIA ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT STATE
17 AGENCIES FROM USING THE TERM "WEST BANK"
18 IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT MATERIALS.
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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 Title 25, Chapter 1, is amended to add an
24 additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 13 – Recognizing Judea and Samaria Act

25-1-1301. Legislative intent.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

29 (1) Refer to the land controlled by Israel from Jordan during
30 the 1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of "Judea and Samaria", with the
31 land south of Jerusalem being considered "Judea" and the land north of
32 Jerusalem being considered "Samaria"; and

33 (2) No longer use the term "West Bank" in official government
34 materials.

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36 25-1-1302. Prohibition on use of materials that use the term "West



1 Bank" – Definitions.

2 (a) As used in this section:

3 (1) "Official government material" means a guidance, rule,
4 material, briefing, press release, or communication prepared by a state
5 agency; and

6 (2) "State agency" means every department, division, office,
7 board, commission, and institution of this state.

8 (b)(1) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, a
9 state agency shall not use the term "West Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria
10 in an official government material.

11 (2) A state agency shall not use state moneys to create an
12 official government material that refers to Judea and Samaria as "West Bank".

13 (c) The executive head of a state agency may waive the prohibition
14 under subsection (b) of this section if the executive head:

15 (1) Determines that it is in the interests of the state to do
16 so; and

17 (2) Submits a written explanation of the waiver no later than
18 thirty (30) days after the date on which the executive head of the state
19 agency makes a determination under subdivision (c)(1) of this section to the:

20 (A) General Assembly if the General Assembly is in
21 session; or

22 (B) Legislative Council if the General Assembly is not in
23 session.

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