

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 12

5 By: Senator B. King  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF  
10 1967; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS  
11 REGARDING REDISTRICTING BY THE BOARD OF  
12 APPORTIONMENT; TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
17 OF 1967; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW  
18 CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING  
19 REDISTRICTING BY THE BOARD OF  
20 APPORTIONMENT.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 19, is amended to add an  
26 additional section to read as follows:

27 25-19-113. Board of Apportionment communications - Definition.

28 (a) As used in this section, "communication regarding redistricting"  
29 means a written communication, electronic communication, or oral  
30 communication concerning the apportionment of the state for representatives  
31 or otherwise pertaining to the drawing of legislative districts.

32 (b) A communication regarding redistricting by one (1) or more members  
33 of the Board of Apportionment or staff of the board:

34 (1) Shall be:

35 (A) Written;

36 (B) Electronic; or



1 (C) An oral communication recorded at a public meeting  
2 under § 25-19-106(d)(1); and

3 (2) Is a public record subject to this chapter.

4 (c) The board shall disclose to the public all communications made or  
5 received under subsection (b) of this section within three (3) business days  
6 of the communication.

7 (d) If one (1) or more members of the board or staff of the board  
8 receive an oral communication regarding redistricting other than one recorded  
9 at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1), the member of the board or his  
10 or her staff shall:

11 (1) Inform the speaker that all communications by one (1) or  
12 more members of the board or staff of the board must be:

13 (A) Written;

14 (B) Electronic; or

15 (C) An oral communication recorded at a public meeting  
16 under § 25-19-106(d)(1); and

17 (2) Take all reasonable steps to remove himself or herself from  
18 the oral communication that is not recorded at a public meeting under § 25-  
19 19-106(d)(1).

20 (e) This section does not prohibit discussion regarding the  
21 apportionment of the state for representatives at a public meeting of the  
22 board.

23 (f) This section shall not be construed to exempt a public record of  
24 the board from disclosure under this chapter if the public record would  
25 otherwise be deemed to be made open under this chapter.

26 (g) A person who knowingly violates subdivision (b)(1) of this section  
27 upon conviction is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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29 /s/B. King  
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