

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 376

5 By: Senator A. Clark
6 By: Representative Bentley
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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 THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC MEETINGS
11 UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
16 OF 1967; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING
17 PUBLIC MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF
18 INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.
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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 § 25-19-103(6), concerning the
24 definition of "public meeting" under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 (6) "Public meetings" means the meetings of more than two (2)
27 members of any bureau, commission, or agency of the state or any political
28 subdivision of the state, including municipalities and counties, boards of
29 education, and all other boards, bureaus, commissions, or organizations in
30 the State of Arkansas, except grand juries, supported wholly or in part by
31 public funds or expending public funds;
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-19-106(a), concerning public meetings
34 under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

35 (a)(1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all meetings,
36 formal or informal, special or regular, of more than two (2) members of the



1 governing bodies of all municipalities, counties, townships, and school
2 districts and all boards, bureaus, commissions, or organizations of the State
3 of Arkansas, except grand juries, supported wholly or in part by public funds
4 or expending public funds, shall be public meetings.

5 (2) If two (2) members of a governing body discuss a matter upon
6 which action may be taken by the governing body outside of a public meeting
7 of the governing body, the two (2) members of the governing body are
8 prohibited from disclosing the opinion or position of another member on the
9 matter with other members of the governing body.

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