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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 629

5 By: Senator Caldwell  
6 By: Representative Dalby  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8  
9 AN ACT TO ALLOW AN OFFICER OF A CLOSELY HELD  
10 CORPORATION TO REPRESENT THE CORPORATION IN COURT FOR  
11 THE PURPOSE OF EVICTION PROCEEDINGS AND UNLAWFUL  
12 DETAINER PROCEEDINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO ALLOW AN OFFICER OF A CLOSELY HELD  
17 CORPORATION TO REPRESENT THE CORPORATION  
18 IN COURT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVICTION  
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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 § 16-22-211(d) concerning the prohibition  
25 against the practice of law for corporations or associations, is amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (d) This section does not apply to a:

28 (1) For-profit corporation or voluntary association lawfully  
29 engaged in:

30 (A) The examination and insuring of titles to real  
31 property; or

32 (B) Employing an attorney or attorneys in and about its  
33 own immediate affairs or in any litigation to which it is or may become a  
34 party;

35 (2) Nonprofit corporation or voluntary association lawfully  
36 engaged in representing or assisting an indigent, poor, or disadvantaged



1 person as a client in a civil or criminal matter, if any legal services  
2 rendered by the nonprofit corporation or voluntary association are furnished  
3 through licensed attorneys in accordance with rules governing the practice of  
4 law in Arkansas; ~~or~~

5 (3) Nonprofit corporation, voluntary association, or  
6 instrumentality of the government recognized under 26 U.S.C. § 115 that is  
7 engaged in representing or assisting as a client in a civil matter one (1) of  
8 the following entities, if any legal services rendered are furnished through  
9 licensed attorneys in accordance with rules governing the practice of law in  
10 Arkansas:

11 (A) A city, county, or public school district;

12 (B) The officers and employees of a city, county, or  
13 public school district;

14 (C) A self-funding group of a city, county, or public  
15 school district as required under § 14-60-101 et seq., § 14-26-101 et seq.,  
16 or § 6-17-1401 et seq.; or

17 (D) A self-insurance risk pool of a city, county, or  
18 public school district; or

19 (4) Closely held corporation engaged in representing the closely  
20 held corporation if the:

21 (A) Closely held corporation has fewer than twenty (20)  
22 shareholders;

23 (B) Proceedings are related to an eviction under § 18-17-  
24 901 et seq. or an unlawful detainer under § 18-60-301 et seq; and

25 (C) Closely held corporation is represented in the  
26 proceedings by an officer of the closely held corporation.

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