

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 1394 of 2001  
HOUSE BILL 2586

5 By: Representative Wood  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNI FORM DEFINITION OF  
10 MINORITIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

### Subtitle

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14 OF MINORITIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the "Minorities in Arkansas Act  
20 of 2001".  
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22 SECTION 2. The General Assembly finds that there are great disparities  
23 in the definition of minorities in the Arkansas Code, and it would be  
24 advantageous to have a consistent definition of minorities in the State of  
25 Arkansas. The General Assembly also recognizes that the number of people  
26 settling in Arkansas who are Hispanic immigrants or are of Hispanic  
27 background is rapidly increasing, and it would be advantageous to include  
28 Hispanics in the definition of minorities in Arkansas.  
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30 SECTION 3. For terms of the Arkansas law, "Minority" means black  
31 American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Asian, and Pacific Islander.  
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33 SECTION 4. When enacting specific laws, the definition of minority  
34 shall be expanded to include other racial or ethnic groups when it is  
35 considered necessary by a legislative body. However, under no circumstances  
36 should the definition of minority exclude black Americans, Hispanic

1 Americans, or American Indians.

2 /s/ Wood

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