

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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A Bill

Act 1725 of 2003
SENATE BILL 806

5 By: Senator Steele
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION
10 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND
11 AMENDMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION
15 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S BILLS,
16 RESOLUTIONS, AND AMENDMENTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a) The staff of the Bureau of Legislative Research shall
22 not:

23 (1) Draft any bill, resolution, or amendment pursuant to the
24 instructions of a lobbyist registered under Arkansas Code § 21-8-601 without
25 the prior direct approval of a member of the General Assembly;

26 (2) List the name of any member of the Senate or the House of
27 Representatives on any bill, resolution, or amendment without the prior
28 direct approval of that member; or

29 (3) List multiple sponsors on a bill unless the order in which
30 the sponsors are listed has received the prior direct approval of the lead
31 sponsor.

32 (b) The prior direct approval requirement of this act is met when a
33 senator or representative communicates authorization to the staff of the
34 bureau by telephone, email, fax, other written document, or in person.
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36 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General



1 Assembly that our present state of technology makes it possible for members
2 of the General Assembly to more readily communicate with staff; that past
3 procedures for preparation of documents for the General Assembly are
4 antiquated and in some instances produce unintended results; that this act
5 will provide the staff with necessary guidance; and that this act must go
6 into effect as soon as possible in order to enhance the legislative process.
7 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
8 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall
9 become effective on:

10 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

11 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
12 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
13 bill;

14 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
15 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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