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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1619

By: Representative Talley

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pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF A 911 EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE SYSTEM BY A PRIVATE ENTITY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF A 911  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM BY A PRIVATE  
ENTITY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-10-302(e)(2), concerning the  
authorization of a political subdivision to operate a 911 public safety  
communications center, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Authorize each chief executive to direct establishment  
and operation of 911 public safety communications centers in their political  
subdivisions and to designate the location of a 911 public safety  
communications center and an operating agency ~~which is~~ to operate the center.

~~(B) As both are elected positions, a county judge must  
obtain concurrence of the county sheriff; A county judge shall obtain  
concurrence of the county sheriff regarding the establishment, operation, and  
location of each 911 public safety communications center;~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-10-303(16), concerning the definition of  
"operating agency", is amended to read as follows:

1           (16)(A) "Operating agency" means the public safety agency or  
2 private entity authorized and designated by the chief executive of the  
3 political subdivision to operate a 911 public safety communications center.

4           (B) ~~Operating agencies are limited to offices of emergency~~  
5 ~~services, fire departments, and law enforcement agencies of the political~~  
6 ~~subdivisions~~ "Operating agency" includes only an office of emergency  
7 services, fire department, or law enforcement agency of the political  
8 subdivision, or an authorized private entity;

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