

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Senators Scott, Edwards**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL 102**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §20-17-901 TO REQUIRE THE  
9 COUNTY JUDGE OF EACH COUNTY IN ARKANSAS TO POST SIGNS AT  
10 THE ENTRANCE OF ALL CEMETERIES WITHIN THE COUNTY WARNING  
11 OF THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DEFACING OR DESECRATING A  
12 CEMETERY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-17-901 is hereby amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 "20-17-901. Registration required - Posting of warning signs.

19 (a) All cemeteries now existing in the state shall be registered with  
20 the county judge, if under his jurisdiction, or with the mayor, as the case  
21 may be, and a copy of the registration shall be filed with the Department of  
22 Health. This registration shall show the location and boundaries of the  
23 cemetery.

24 (b) The county judge of each county in the state shall be required to  
25 post and maintain warning signs at the entrance of each cemetery within his  
26 county. The signs shall warn that it constitutes a violation of the offense  
27 of defacing objects of public respect, Arkansas Code §5-71-215, to deface,  
28 mar, or desecrate a cemetery or burial monument. The signs shall further  
29 state the possible penalties for violations of the law."

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31 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 3. Severability. In the event any provision of this act is

1 declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or  
2 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this act which can be  
3 given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision. The remaining  
4 portions of this act shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion  
5 declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of  
6 the act.

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8 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
9 hereby repealed.

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