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7 By: Senators Elliott, Bond, *Hickey*
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF
11 1967; TO REQUIRE ALL OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE
12 RECORDED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15 **Subtitle**

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17 OF 1967; AND TO REQUIRE ALL OPEN PUBLIC
18 MEETINGS TO BE RECORDED.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-106, concerning open public meetings
24 under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to add an additional
25 subsection to read as follows:

26 (d)(1) All officially scheduled, special, and called open public
27 meetings shall be recorded in a manner that allows for the capture of sound
28 including without limitation:

29 (A) A sound-only recording;

30 (B) A video recording with sound and picture; or

31 (C) A digital or analog broadcast capable of being
32 recorded.

33 (2) A recording of an open public meeting shall be maintained by
34 the public entity for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of the open
35 public meeting.

36 (3) The recording shall be maintained in a format that may be



1 reproduced upon a request under this chapter.
2 (4) Subdivisions (d)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to:
3 (A) Executive sessions; or
4 (B) Volunteer fire departments.
5 (5) Cities of the second class and incorporated towns are exempt
6 from subdivisions (d)(1) and (2) of this section until July 1, 2020.

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/s/V. Flowers