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2 State of Arkansas

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3 92nd General Assembly

# A Bill

4 Regular Session

SENATE BILL 231

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6 By: Senator K. Hammer

7 Filed with: Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs

8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF  
11 1967; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC RECORDS";  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## 13 14 15 Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
17 OF 1967; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF  
18 "PUBLIC RECORDS".

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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 § 25-19-102 is amended to read as follows:*  
24 *25-19-102. Legislative intent.*

25 *(a) It is vital in a democratic society that public business be*  
26 *performed in an open and public manner so that the electors ~~shall be~~ are*  
27 *advised of the performance of public officials and of the decisions that are*  
28 *reached in public activity and in making public policy. Toward this end, this*  
29 *chapter is adopted, making it possible for ~~them~~ electors or their*  
30 *representatives to learn and to report fully the activities of their public*  
31 *officials.*

32 *(b) The General Assembly finds that the purpose of the Freedom of*  
33 *Information Act of 1967 is transparency and Arkansas is proud to have a*  
34 *robust Freedom of Information Act of 1967.*

