## By: Senator Scott

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-4-607(a)(2) TO REQUIRE A NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED REGARDING APPLICATION FOR PARDON OR COMMUTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO REQUIRE A NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED REGARDING APPLICATION FOR PARDON OR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-4-607(a)(2) is amended to read as follows:
"(2) The application shall set forth the grounds upon which the pardon or commutation is sought. If the application involves a conviction for capital murder, a notice of the application shall be published by two (2) insertions, separated by a minimum of seven (7) days, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the offense or offenses of the applicant were committed;"

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

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

