

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 493 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

As Engrossed: H2/17/05

A Bill

SENATE BILL 125

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5 By: Senator Malone
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 10-2-501
10 CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON THE PREPARATION OF
11 LEGISLATION; TO REPEAL SUBDIVISION (A)(3) OF
12 SECTION 18 OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND
13 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH
14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH CONCERNS INSTRUCTIONS TO
15 DRAFT LEGISLATION OR TO ADD A SPONSOR OR
16 COSPONSOR ON LEGISLATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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18 **Subtitle**

19 AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON THE
20 PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-501 is amended to read as follows:
26 10-2-501. Preparation.

27 (a) A member of the General Assembly may choose to impose the
28 restrictions of subsection (b) of this section by filing written notice with
29 the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

30 ~~(a)(b) The~~ If requested in writing by a member of the General
31 Assembly, the staff of the Bureau of Legislative Research shall not:

32 (1) Draft any bill, resolution, or amendment for the member
33 pursuant to the instructions of a lobbyist registered under § 21-8-601
34 without the prior direct approval of a the member ~~of the General Assembly;~~

35 (2) List the name of ~~any~~ the member ~~of the Senate or the House~~



1 ~~of Representatives on any bill, resolution, or amendment pursuant to the~~
 2 ~~instructions of a lobbyist registered under § 21-8-601 without the prior~~
 3 ~~direct approval of that member; or~~

4 ~~(3) List multiple sponsors on a bill unless the order in which~~
 5 ~~the sponsors are listed has received the prior direct approval of the lead~~
 6 ~~sponsor. On a bill, resolution, or amendment of which the member is the lead~~
 7 ~~sponsor, establish the order of cosponsors pursuant to the instructions of a~~
 8 ~~lobbyist registered under § 21-8-601 without prior direct approval of the~~
 9 ~~lead sponsor.~~

10 ~~(b)(c)~~ The prior direct approval requirement of this section is met
 11 when a senator or representative communicates authorization to the staff of
 12 the bureau by telephone, electronic mail, fax, other written document, or in
 13 person.

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 15 SECTION 2. Subdivision (A)(3) of Section 18 of the Joint Rules of the
 16 Senate and the House of Representatives is repealed.

17 ~~(3) The staff of the Bureau of Legislative Research shall not:~~

18 ~~(a) Draft any bill, resolution, or amendment pursuant to~~
 19 ~~the instructions of a lobbyist registered under Arkansas Code § 21-8-601~~
 20 ~~without the prior direct approval of a member of the General Assembly;~~

21 ~~(b) List the name of any member of the Senate or the House~~
 22 ~~of Representatives on any bill, resolution, or amendment without the prior~~
 23 ~~direct approval of that member; or~~

24 ~~(c) List multiple sponsors on a bill unless the order in~~
 25 ~~which the sponsors are listed has received the prior direct approval of the~~
 26 ~~lead sponsor.~~

27 ~~The prior direct approval requirement of this rule is met when a~~
 28 ~~senator or representative communicates authorization to the staff of the~~
 29 ~~Bureau by telephone, email, fax, other written document, or in person.~~

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 31 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 32 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current law concerning
 33 preparation of legislation by the Bureau of Legislative Research is too
 34 restrictive and impairs the function of the General Assembly; that this act
 35 corrects deficiencies in the law; and that this act is immediately necessary
 36 in order to assist the operations of the 2005 regular session of the General

1 Assembly. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
2 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
3 safety shall become effective on:

4 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

5 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
6 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
7 bill; or

8 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
9 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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/s/ Malone

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