

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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## A Bill

Act 1072 of 1999  
SENATE BILL 435

5 By: Senator DeLay  
6 *By: Representative Wilkinson*  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-2-103 TO REQUIRE  
11 PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD WHEN A UTILITY REQUESTS PSC  
12 TO APPROVE A RATE INCREASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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### Subtitle

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16 REQUIRE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD WHEN  
17 A UTILITY REQUESTS PSC TO APPROVE A RATE  
18 INCREASE."  
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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 23-2-103 is amended to read as follows:

24 "23-2-103. Offices – Place of hearings and investigations.

25 (a) The office of the Arkansas Public Service Commission shall be in the  
26 State Capitol, but the commission may conduct hearings and make investigations  
27 anywhere in the different parts of the state when, in the opinion of the  
28 commission, the hearings will best serve the interest and convenience of the  
29 public.

30 (b) When a formal proceeding to consider a general change or  
31 modification in the rates and charges of a public utility has been initiated  
32 before the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the commission shall conduct a  
33 hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment in an appropriate location  
34 or locations within the service territory of the public utility.  
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36 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

12 /s/ DeLay, et al

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15 APPROVED: 4/5/1999  
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