

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 575**

CONCERNING THE APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES BEFORE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND  
SUBCOMMITTEES.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 575**

Amend Senate Bill No. 575 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-306 is amended to read as follows:  
10-2-306. Administration of oaths by committee — ~~Depositions —~~

Perjury.

(a) The chair or a member at any time acting as chair of a committee of either house of the General Assembly, ~~or a joint committee of the two (2) houses of the General Assembly, or a subcommittee of the two (2) houses a committee of either house of the General Assembly or a joint committee of the two (2) houses of the General Assembly,~~ or his or her designee, ~~when the committee is empowered to issue subpoenas for persons, papers, or records,~~ shall be fully empowered to administer oaths and to take depositions for the purpose for which the committee or joint committee is empowered to issue subpoenas for persons, papers, or records may administer oaths.

~~(b)(1) If a person subpoenaed to appear before the Senate, the House of Representatives, or a Senate or House committee or joint interim committee fails to appear or produce subpoenaed material, the fact of the refusal to appear or produce subpoenaed material shall be certified to the circuit court of the county in which the hearing is held.~~

~~(2) The circuit court shall punish the person for contempt of the General Assembly under subdivision (b)(1) of this section in the same manner as punishment for contempt is imposed for failure to respond to a subpoena or directive of the circuit court.~~

~~(e)(b)~~ A person who is administered the oath and who provides false testimony while under oath is guilty of perjury and subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

(c) As used in this section, "joint committee" includes without limitation the:

- (1) Legislative Council;
- (2) Joint Budget Committee; and
- (3) Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-2-307 is amended to read as follows:  
10-2-307. Subpoena by committee — Depositions.

(a) The committee so empowered A committee of either house of the General Assembly or a joint committee of the two (2) houses of the General Assembly may issue its a subpoena signed by its chair or acting chair for the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers or records, and the subpoena may be served by any officer authorized to serve process in civil cases.

(b) The chair or a member at any time acting as chair of a committee of either house of the General Assembly or a joint committee of the two (2) houses of the General Assembly, or his or her designee, may take depositions for the purpose for which the committee or joint committee may issue subpoenas for persons, papers, or records.

(c)(1) If a person subpoenaed to appear before the Senate, the House of Representatives, a committee of either house of the General Assembly, or a joint committee of the two (2) houses of the General Assembly fails to appear or produce subpoenaed material, the fact of the refusal to appear or produce subpoenaed material shall be certified to the circuit court of the county in which the hearing is held.

(2) The circuit court shall punish the person for contempt of the General Assembly under subdivision (c)(1) of this section in the same manner as punishment for contempt is imposed for failure to respond to a subpoena or directive of the circuit court."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator A. Clark

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Secretary