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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1163

5 By: Representative Bell  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE POLITICAL  
9 FREEDOM OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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12 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
13 POLITICAL FREEDOM OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-1-503(c)(1), concerning the political  
20 activity of state employees, is amended to read as follows:

21 (c)(1) It shall be unlawful for any public employer to discipline, to  
22 threaten to discipline, to reprimand either orally or in writing, to place  
23 any notation in a public employee's personnel file disciplining or  
24 reprimanding the public employee, or to otherwise discriminate against a  
25 public employee because the public employee exercised the right to  
26 communicate with an elected public official or exercised a right or privilege  
27 under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq., as granted  
28 under this subchapter.  
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