

Hall of the House of Representatives
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2586

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM DEFINITION OF MINORITIES IN THE STATE OF
ARKANSAS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2586.

Amend House Bill No. 2586 as originally introduced:

Delete Section 1 and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the "Minorities in Arkansas Act of 2001".

SECTION 2. The General Assembly finds that there are great disparities in the definition of minorities in the Arkansas Code, and it would be advantageous to have a consistent definition of minorities in the State of Arkansas. The General Assembly also recognizes that the number of people settling in Arkansas who are Hispanic immigrants or are of Hispanic background is rapidly increasing, and it would be advantageous to include Hispanics in the definition of minorities in Arkansas.

SECTION 3. For terms of the Arkansas law, "Minority" means black American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Asian, and Pacific Islander.

SECTION 4. When enacting specific laws, the definition of minority shall be expanded to include other racial or ethnic groups when it is considered necessary by a legislative body. However, under no circumstances should the definition of minority exclude black Americans, Hispanic Americans, or American Indians."

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The Amendment was read _____
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