

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 843

"AN ACT TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN UNDER-SERVED RURAL AND POOR
AREAS OF ARKANSAS BY REQUIRING PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO UTILIZE FREE ACCESS
TO BROADBAND SERVICES AND BY REQUIRING FAIR AND REASONABLE POLE
ATTACHMENT RATES."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 843.

Amend Senate Bill No. 843 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 27, delete "state" and substitute the following:
"state that do not have broadband access and"

AND

Page 1, line 31, insert an additional sentence immediately following the
period to read as follows:
"Nothing in this act precludes public elementary and secondary schools from
contracting for broadband services in combination with other services in lieu
of any obligation under this section."

AND

Page 1, line 35, delete "act," and substitute "act that do not have broadband
access,"

AND

Page 2, line 1, insert an additional sentence immediately following the
period to read as follows:
"Nothing in this act precludes public elementary and secondary schools from
contracting for broadband services in combination with other services in lieu
of any obligation under this section."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 12 through 16 and substitute the following:
"(1) "Communications company" means any telecommunications company,
cable television system, competitive local exchange carrier, or inter-

exchange carrier, incumbent local exchange carrier certified by the Public Service Commission or other provider of communication services;"

AND

Page 2, lines 22 and 23, delete "municipal electric utility,"

AND

Page 3, delete line 25 and substitute the following:

"(h) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to alter any rights or obligations that exist by virtue of an existing contract.

(i)(1) Any party aggrieved by a violation of this section may bring a"

AND

Insert an additional section immediately following Section 3 to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. All rates, terms, and conditions with respect to pole attachments shall be just, reasonable and non-discriminatory."

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

**By: Senator K. Smith
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Secretary