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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2026

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE SUBCHAPTER 3 OF CHAPTER 2
9 OF TITLE 1 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION
10 COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH, CREATE, AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL
11 COMPUTERIZED DATABASE OF OFFICIAL LEGAL MATERIALS AND
12 OTHER SOURCES OF LEGAL INFORMATION; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE
17 OFFICIAL COMPUTERIZED DATABASE OF
18 OFFICIAL LEGAL MATERIALS."

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

22 SECTION 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 2 of title 1 is amended by adding a
23 new § 1-2-308 to read as follows:

24 "1-2-308. Official Arkansas Legal Database.

25 (a) The Arkansas Code Revision Commission is authorized to establish,
26 create, and maintain an official computerized database of official legal
27 materials and other sources of legal information by use of magnetic tape or
28 other means of photographic or electronic preservation and reproduction
29 systems with facilities for electronic access and retrieval. This
30 computerized database may be composed of one or more databases and sources of
31 legal information, including, but not limited to, the Arkansas Code of 1987
32 Annotated, the Arkansas Code of State Regulations, the Arkansas Reports,
33 including Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions, Attorney General's
34 opinions, Workers' Compensation Commission and Public Service Commission
35 decisions, and other administrative agencies' quasi-judicial decisions and

1 opinions, and other official legal materials, the Arkansas Law Review, the
2 University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Journal, the University of Arkansas
3 at Fayetteville Law Notes, the Arkansas Lawyer, and other secondary legal
4 materials.

5 (b)(1) The commission may arrange for the creation and maintenance,
6 and sale, lease, distribution, dissemination, or other transfer of the
7 database by solicitation and receipt of competitive bids for professional
8 services subject to the provisions and requirements of § 19-4-1109.

9 (2) Specifications for the database shall be drawn under the
10 supervision of and subject to approval by the commission.

11 (3)(A) Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible
12 bidder, taking into consideration, among other things, estimated time of
13 performance, quality of work, probability of timely and adequate performance,
14 and experience of the company regarding the services sought by the
15 commission.

16 (B) If the best interest of the state would be served, any
17 and all bids submitted to the commission regarding any services sought by the
18 commission under this section may be rejected, and the commission may
19 negotiate any necessary contracts with the party most qualified to perform
20 the services sought by the commission.

21 (4) The price at which and the conditions under which the
22 database in any form shall be sold, leased, distributed, disseminated, or
23 otherwise transferred, shall be fixed, determined, and regulated by the
24 Arkansas Code Revision Commission. If the commission enters into contracts
25 for the sale, lease, distribution, dissemination, or other transfer of the
26 database, the price and conditions under which the database in any form shall
27 be sold, leased, distributed, disseminated, or otherwise transferred shall be
28 fixed by agreement between the commission and the contractor.

29 (c) All departments, agencies, boards, commissions, offices, officers,
30 and branches of the state government are directed to cooperate with the
31 commission and lend whatever assistance as may be required by the commission
32 for establishing, creating, and maintaining the official computerized
33 database of official legal materials and other sources of legal information."
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35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent

1 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
2 Code 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.

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