

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2242

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5 By: Representative Morris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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13 "TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT."
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-103 is amended to read as follows:
19 "25-19-103. Definitions.

20 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

21 (1) 'Public records' means writings, recorded sounds, films, tapes, or
22 data compilations in any form, required by law to be kept or otherwise kept,
23 and which constitute a record of the performance or lack of performance of
24 official functions which are or should be carried out by a public official or
25 employee, a governmental agency, or any other agency wholly or partially
26 supported by public funds or expending public funds. All records maintained in
27 public offices or by public employees within the scope of their employment
28 shall be presumed to be public records.

29 (2) 'Public meetings' means the meetings of more than two (2)
30 individuals of any bureau, commission, or agency of the state, or any
31 political subdivision of the state, including municipalities and counties,
32 boards of education, and all other boards, bureaus, commissions, or
33 organizations in the State of Arkansas, except grand juries, supported wholly
34 or in part by public funds or expending public funds. However, if two (2)
35 individuals constitute a quorum, the meeting shall be a public meeting."
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1 SECTION 2. § 25-19-106(a) relating to open public meetings is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 "(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all meetings of
4 more than two (2) individuals, or two (2) individuals if they constitute a
5 quorum, formal or informal, special or regular, of the governing bodies of all
6 municipalities, counties, townships, and school districts and all boards,
7 bureaus, commissions, or organizations of the State of Arkansas, except grand
8 juries, supported wholly or in part by public funds or expending public funds,
9 shall be public meetings."

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11 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
12 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
13 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.