

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

SENATE BILL 481

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5 By: Senator Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 25-19-105 TO REMOVE THE
10 EXPIRATION DATE FOR AN EXEMPTION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF
11 INFORMATION ACT FOR OIL AND GAS RECORDS; TO DECLARE AN
12 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO REMOVE THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR AN
16 EXEMPTION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF
17 INFORMATION ACT FOR OIL AND GAS RECORDS."
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-105(b)(12), concerning the examination
23 and copying of public records under the Freedom of Information Act, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 "(12) Division of ownership information on oil or gas leases
26 voluntarily provided by an oil or gas company to a county assessor, which if
27 disclosed, could result in an economic loss to the company. ~~This subdivision~~
28 ~~(12) shall expire on July 1, 1999."~~
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30 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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34 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
2 act are declared to be severable.

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4 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
5 hereby repealed.

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7 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
8 Eighty-second General Assembly that certain records concerning oil and gas
9 leases provided by oil companies to county assessors can reveal important
10 information to competitors and that these records can result in economic
11 losses for these businesses. It is critical that this exemption should be
12 extended and it must take effect before its expiration. Therefore, an
13 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for
14 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective
15 on July 1, 1999.