1 State of Arkansas   *As Engrossed: H3/7/01*

2 83rd General Assembly   A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2001   HOUSE BILL   2586

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5 By: Representative Wood

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM DEFINITION OF

10   MINORITIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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12   **Subtitle**

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14   OF MINORITIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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

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

20 of 2001".

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22   SECTION 2.   The General Assembly finds that there are great disparities

23 in the definition of minorities in the Arkansas Code, and it would be

24 advantageous to have a consistent definition of minorities in the State of

25 Arkansas.   The General Assembly also recognizes that the number of people

26 settling in Arkansas who are Hispanic immigrants or are of Hispanic

27 background is rapidly increasing, and it would be advantageous to include

28 Hispanics in the definition of minorities in Arkansas.

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30   SECTION 3.   For terms of the Arkansas law, "Minority" means black

31 American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Asian, and Pacific Islander.

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33   SECTION 4.   When enacting specific laws, the definition of minority

34 shall be expanded to include other racial or ethnic groups when it is

35 considered necessary by a legislative body.   However, under no circumstances

36 should the definition of minority exclude black Americans, Hispanic

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1   *Americans, or American Indians.*

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