1 State of Arkansas

A Bill

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5 By: Senator Mahony

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 25-19-106 CONCERNING

10   PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, SALE,

11   OR LEASE OF PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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13   **Subtitle**

14   AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS

15   TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, SALE, OR LEASE

16   OF PROPERTY.

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

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21   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 25-19-106, concerning open public meetings,

22 is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

23   (d)(1) A meeting may be closed to the public for the purpose of

24 discussing the purchase, sale, or lease of real property.

25   (2) However, the closed meeting may be attended by

26 representatives of the news media under the following conditions:

27   (A) The representative and his or her employer must not

28 have a financial interest in the purchase, sale, or lease of the property;

29   (B) The information obtained in the closed meeting shall

30 be confidential and shall not be made public until:

31   (i) The agency has executed a contract for the

32 purchase, sale, or lease of the property;

33   (ii) The agency makes the information public or

34 waives its right to keep the information confidential; or

35   (iii) The expiration of a period of one (1) year

36 from the date of the closed meeting; and

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1   (C)   The representative files a statement with the agency stating

2   that:

3   (i)   To the best of his or her knowledge, the

4   representative and the employer do not have a financial interest in the

5   purchase, sale, or lease of the property; and

6   (ii)   He or she will comply with the confidentiality

7   requirements of this section.

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