1   State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1619

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5   By: Representative Talley

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7   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8   AN ACT PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF A 911 EMERGENCY

9   RESPONSE SYSTEM BY A PRIVATE ENTITY; AND FOR OTHER

10   PURPOSES.

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13   **Subtitle**

14   PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF A 911

15   EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM BY A PRIVATE

16   ENTITY.

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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 § 12-10-302(e)(2), concerning the

22   authorization of a political subdivision to operate a 911 public safety

23   communications center, is amended to read as follows:

24   (2)_(A)_ Authorize each chief executive to direct establishment

25   and operation of 911 public safety communications centers in their political

26   subdivisions and to designate the location of a 911 public safety

27   communications center and _an operating_ agency ~~which is~~ to operate the center.

28   _(B)_ ~~As both are elected positions, a county judge must~~

29   ~~obtain concurrence of the county sheriff;~~ _A county judge shall obtain_

30   _concurrence of the county sheriff regarding the establishment, operation, and_

31   _location of each 911 public safety communications center;_

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33   SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-10-303(16), concerning the definition of

34   "operating agency", is amended to read as follows:

35   (16)(A) "Operating agency" means the public safety agency _or_

36   _private entity_ authorized and designated by the chief executive of the

1   political subdivision to operate a 911 public safety communications center.

2   (B) ~~Operating agencies are limited to offices of emergency~~

3   ~~services, fire departments, and law enforcement agencies of the political~~

4   ~~subdivisions~~ "Operating agency" includes only an office of emergency

5   services, fire department, or law enforcement agency of the political

6   subdivision, or an authorized private entity;

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