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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1823

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PAPERWORK EFFICIENCY  
9 AND TRANSPARENCY ACT; TO PERMIT ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT  
10 SUBMISSIONS AND PUBLICATIONS BY STATE AGENCIES,  
11 COURTS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; TO AMEND THE  
12 LAW CONCERNING THE INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER  
13 THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1, is amended  
29 to add an additional section to read as follows:

30 1-2-125. Electronic document submissions and publications.

31 (a)(1) A state agency, a court, or a local government entity that is  
32 required by law to accept, solicit, or publish any information, record,  
33 report, application, or other required material may accept, solicit, or  
34 publish the information, record, report, application, or other required  
35 material in an electronic form.

36 (2) If a state agency, a court, or a local government entity



1 accepts, solicits, or publishes the information, record, report, application,  
2 or other required material in an electronic form under subdivision (a)(1) of  
3 this section, the state agency, the court, or the local government entity  
4 shall also comply with existing requirements in law concerning the  
5 acceptance, solicitation, or publication of information, records, reports,  
6 applications, or other required materials.

7 (3) A state agency, a court, or a local government entity may  
8 require an electronic form of receipt verification of information, records,  
9 reports, applications, or other required materials accepted, solicited, or  
10 published in an electronic form.

11 (b) If as provided by this section, a state agency, a court, or a  
12 local government entity decides to accept, solicit, or publish the  
13 information, record, report, application, or other required material in an  
14 electronic form, the state agency, the court, or the local government entity  
15 shall:

16 (1) Notify the Legislative Council within thirty (30) of its  
17 decision and the justifications for the decision; and

18 (2) On or before the expiration date of this section, advise the  
19 Legislative Council as to the sections of the Arkansas Code that should be  
20 amended to allow indefinitely for the discretion to accept, solicit, or  
21 publish the information, records, report, application, or other required  
22 material in an electronic form.

23 (c) This section expires four (4) years after the effective date of  
24 this act.

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26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-19-105(a)(1), concerning the examination  
27 and copying of public records under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967,  
28 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

29 (C)(i) A custodian of records under subdivision (a)(1)(A)  
30 of this section may meet the requirements of this section by allowing for the  
31 inspection of public records in a searchable electronic form via the  
32 internet.

33 (ii) This subdivision (a)(1)(C) expires four (4)  
34 years after the effective date of this act.

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