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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 76

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EMERGENCY  
9 TEMPORARY LOCATIONS FOR MEETINGS OF A GOVERNING BODY;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EMERGENCY  
15 TEMPORARY LOCATIONS FOR MEETINGS OF A  
16 GOVERNING BODY.  
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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 § 14-14-308 is amended to read as follows:

22 14-14-308. Emergency temporary location for political subdivisions.

23 (a)(1)(A) Whenever, due to an emergency ~~resulting from the effects of~~  
24 ~~enemy attack, or the anticipated effects of a threatened enemy attack,~~ it  
25 becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of local  
26 government at the regular or usual place ~~thereof~~, the governing body of each  
27 political subdivision of this state may meet at any place within or without  
28 the territorial limits of the political subdivisions on the call of the  
29 presiding officer or any two (2) members of the governing body.

30 (B) The governing body shall proceed to establish and  
31 designate by ordinance, resolution, or other manner alternate or substitute  
32 sites or places as the emergency temporary location of government where all,  
33 or any part, of the public business may be transacted and conducted during  
34 the emergency situation.

35 (2) The sites or places may be within or without the territorial  
36 limits of the political subdivisions and may be within or without this state.



1 (b)(1) During the period when the public business is being conducted  
 2 at an emergency temporary location, the governing body and other officers of  
 3 a political subdivision of this state shall have and possess and shall  
 4 exercise at the location all of the executive, legislative, and judicial  
 5 powers and functions conferred upon the governing body and officers by or  
 6 under the laws of this state.

7 (2) ~~The powers and functions of the governing body and officers~~  
 8 ~~may be exercised without regard to or compliance with time-consuming~~  
 9 ~~procedures and formalities prescribed by law and pertaining thereto.~~ All acts  
 10 of the governing body and officers shall be as valid and binding as if  
 11 performed within the territorial limits of their political subdivision.

12 (c) ~~“Political subdivisions” shall mean~~ As used in this section,  
 13 “political subdivisions” means all duly formed and constituted governing  
 14 bodies created and established under authority of the Arkansas Constitution  
 15 and laws of this state.

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