

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S2/1/21 S2/9/21 S2/23/21*  
2 93rd General Assembly **A Bill**  
3 Regular Session, 2021

SENATE BILL 208

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5 By: Senator D. Sullivan  
6 *By: Representative Womack*  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF  
10 1967; TO DEFINE THE TERM "MEETING" UNDER THE FREEDOM  
11 OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO AMEND THE LAW  
12 CONCERNING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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16 **Subtitle**

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19 UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF  
20 1967; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING  
21 OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-103, concerning definitions under the  
27 Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to add an additional  
28 subdivision to read as follows:

29 (10) "Meeting" means a gathering in which any matter relating to  
30 a public entity on which action may be taken by the governing body is  
31 discussed in person, by telephone, electronically, or by other means of  
32 communication.  
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-19-106(a), concerning open public  
35 meetings under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to read as  
36 follows:



1 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all meetings,  
2 formal or informal, special or regular, of two (2) or more members of the  
3 ~~governing bodies~~ governing body of the following entities are public  
4 meetings:

5 (1) ~~of all~~ All municipalities, counties, townships, and school  
6 districts, and other political subdivisions;

7 (2) and all All boards, bureaus, commissions, or organizations,  
8 schools, and other public entities of the State of Arkansas, except grand  
9 juries; and

10 (3) All other public entities supported wholly or in part by  
11 public funds or expending public funds, ~~shall be public meetings.~~

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13 /s/D. Sullivan  
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