

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

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SENATE BILL 208

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5 By: Senator D. Sullivan

6 By: Representative Womack

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-103, concerning definitions under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

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(10) "Meeting" means a gathering of two (2) or more members of a governing body in which any matter relating to a public entity on which action may be taken by the governing body is discussed in person, by telephone, electronically, or by other means of communication.

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-19-106(a), concerning open public meetings under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to read as 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;

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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