

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

HOUSE BILL 1929

By: Representative McAlindon

By: Senator J. Dotson

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE RECOGNIZING JUDEA AND SAMARIA ACT; TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM USING THE TERM "WEST BANK" IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT MATERIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO CREATE THE RECOGNIZING JUDEA AND SAMARIA ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM USING THE TERM "WEST BANK" IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT MATERIALS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

#### Subchapter 13 – Recognizing Judea and Samaria Act

##### 25-1-1301. Legislative intent.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

(1) Refer to the land controlled by Israel from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of "Judea and Samaria", with the land south of Jerusalem being considered "Judea" and the land north of Jerusalem being considered "Samaria"; and

(2) No longer use the term "West Bank" in official government materials.

25-1-1302. Prohibition on use of materials that use the term "West



Bank" – Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Official government material" means a guidance, rule, material, briefing, press release, or communication prepared by a state agency; and

(2) "State agency" means every department, division, office, board, commission, and institution of this state.

(b)(1) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, a state agency shall not use the term "West Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria in an official government material.

(2) A state agency shall not use state moneys to create an official government material that refers to Judea and Samaria as "West Bank".

(c) The executive head of a state agency may waive the prohibition under subsection (b) of this section if the executive head:

(1) Determines that it is in the interests of the state to do so; and

(2) Submits a written explanation of the waiver no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the executive head of the state agency makes a determination under subdivision (c)(1) of this section to the:

(A) General Assembly if the General Assembly is in session; or

(B) Legislative Council if the General Assembly is not in session.

*/s/McAlindon*

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