

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1806

By: Representative Lowery

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO CREATE THE TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT ACT; TO  
REQUIRE SWORN TESTIMONY BEFORE COMMITTEES; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO CREATE THE TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT ACT;  
AND TO REQUIRE SWORN TESTIMONY BEFORE  
COMMITTEES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 2, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

10-2-309. Sworn testimony required – Oath.

(a) A person who testifies under subpoena or voluntarily before a committee of the General Assembly shall swear or affirm an oath to tell the truth before testifying.

(b) The person shall:

(1) Raise his or her right hand; and

(2) Answer the question, "Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give before the General Assembly or committee or subcommittee of the General Assembly is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?".

(c)(1) If a person will testify on more than one (1) occasion or before more than one (1) committee during a legislative session, the person may swear or affirm the oath one (1) time for the term of the legislative session.



(2) A person who has previously sworn or affirmed the oath under this section during the term of the legislative session shall advise the chair of the committee before testimony that he or she is testifying under oath.

(d) A person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor who:

(1) Testifies before a committee of the General Assembly without affirming the oath under this section; or

(2) *Knowingly gives false* testimony to a committee of the General Assembly after affirming the oath under this section.

*/s/Lowery*