

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1619

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF A 911 EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE SYSTEM BY A PRIVATE ENTITY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF A 911  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM BY A PRIVATE  
ENTITY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-10-302(e)(2), concerning the authorization of a political subdivision to operate a 911 public safety communications center, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Authorize each chief executive to direct establishment and operation of 911 public safety communications centers in their political subdivisions and to designate the location of a 911 public safety communications center and an operating agency ~~which is~~ to operate the center.

~~(B) As both are elected positions, a county judge must obtain concurrence of the county sheriff;~~ A county judge shall obtain concurrence of the county sheriff regarding the establishment, operation, and location of each 911 public safety communications center;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-10-303(16), concerning the definition of "operating agency", is amended to read as follows:

(16)(A) "Operating agency" means the public safety agency or private entity authorized and designated by the chief executive of the



political subdivision to operate a 911 public safety communications center.

(B) ~~Operating agencies are limited to offices of emergency services, fire departments, and law enforcement agencies of the political subdivisions~~ "Operating agency" includes only an office of emergency services, fire department, or law enforcement agency of the political subdivision, or an authorized private entity;