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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1836

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By: Senator K. Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC ENTITIES TO POST VIDEO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS; TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE RECORDED IN VIDEO FORMAT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC ENTITIES TO POST VIDEO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE RECORDED IN VIDEO FORMAT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-106(d), concerning public meetings under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) All officially scheduled, special, and called open public meetings shall be recorded ~~in a manner that allows for the capture of sound, including without limitation:~~

~~(A) A sound only recording;~~

~~(B) A as a video recording with sound and picture; or~~

~~(C) A digital or analog broadcast capable of being recorded.~~

(2) A video recording of an open public meeting shall be maintained by a public entity for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of the open public meeting.

(3) The video recording shall be maintained in a format that may be reproduced upon a request under this chapter.

(4) Subdivisions (d)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to:



- (A) Executive sessions; or
- (B) Volunteer fire departments.

(5) ~~(A) Cities of the second class and incorporated towns are exempt from subdivisions (d)(1) and (2) of this section until July 1, 2020~~ A public entity shall post the video recording of an open public meeting required under subdivision (d)(1) of this section on the public entity's website no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the public meeting.

(B) If a public entity does not have a website, the public entity shall post the video recording of an open public meeting to a social media account created and maintained by the public entity no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the public meeting.