

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1879

By: Representative Lundstrum

By: Senator K. Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL CITY COUNCILS AND COUNTY QUORUM COURTS TO POST VIDEO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS; TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCILS OR COUNTY QUORUM COURTS TO BE RECORDED IN VIDEO FORMAT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE ALL CITY COUNCILS AND COUNTY QUORUM COURTS TO POST VIDEO RECORDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCILS OR COUNTY QUORUM COURTS 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), as amended by Acts 2025, No. 179, concerning public meetings under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) ~~All~~ Except as provided under subdivision (d)(6) of this section, 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 video recording with sound and picture; or
- (C) A digital or analog broadcast capable of being

recorded.



(2) A 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 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) All officially scheduled, special, and called open public meetings of a city council or a county quorum court shall be recorded as a video recording.

(B) A video recording under subdivision (d)(5)(A) of this section shall be posted on the website of the city council or county quorum court no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the public meeting.

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

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Compliance.

All city councils and county quorum courts shall comply with the provisions of this act on or before one (1) year following the effective date of this act.

/s/Lundstrum