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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1895

By: Representative Dalby
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PRACTICING LAW FOR A CORPORATION OR VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION LAWFULLY ENGAGED IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; TO ALLOW A CORPORATION OR VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION TO EMPLOY IN-HOUSE ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT AFFILIATES OF THE CORPORATION OR VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A CORPORATION OR VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION TO EMPLOY IN-HOUSE ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT AFFILIATES OF THE CORPORATION OR VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-22-211(d), concerning exceptions to the prohibition against a corporation or association practicing law, is amended to read as follows:

(d) This section does not apply to a:

(1) For-profit corporation or voluntary association lawfully engaged in:

(A) The examination and insuring of titles to real property; or

(B)(i) Employing an attorney or attorneys in and about its own or its affiliates' immediate affairs or in any litigation to which it or its affiliates is or may become a party.



(ii) As used in this subsection, "affiliate" means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership of any type, or other voluntary association that is related to another entity by shareholdings, membership interests, partnership interests, or other means of control, including without limitation a direct or indirect subsidiary, parent, or sibling entity;

(2) Nonprofit corporation or voluntary association lawfully engaged in representing or assisting an indigent, poor, or disadvantaged person as a client in a civil or criminal matter, if any legal services rendered by the nonprofit corporation or voluntary association are furnished through licensed attorneys in accordance with rules governing the practice of law in Arkansas; or

(3) Nonprofit corporation, voluntary association, or instrumentality of the government recognized under 26 U.S.C. § 115 that is engaged in representing or assisting as a client in a civil matter one (1) of the following entities, if any legal services rendered are furnished through licensed attorneys in accordance with rules governing the practice of law in Arkansas:

(A) A city, county, or public school district;

(B) The officers and employees of a city, county, or public school district;

(C) A self-funding group of a city, county, or public school district as required under § 14-60-101 et seq., § 14-26-101 et seq., or § 6-17-1401 et seq.; or

(D) A self-insurance risk pool of a city, county, or public school district.