

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 12

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING REDISTRICTING BY THE BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT; TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING REDISTRICTING BY THE BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 19, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-19-113. Board of Apportionment communications - Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "communication regarding redistricting" means a written communication, electronic communication, or oral communication concerning the apportionment of the state for representatives or otherwise pertaining to the drawing of legislative districts.

(b) A communication regarding redistricting by one (1) or more members of the Board of Apportionment or staff of the board:

(1) Shall be:

(A) Written;

(B) Electronic; or



(C) An oral communication recorded at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1); and

(2) Is a public record subject to this chapter.

(c) If one (1) or more members of the board or staff of the board receive an oral communication regarding redistricting other than one recorded at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1), the member of the board or his or her staff shall:

(1) Inform the speaker that all communications by one (1) or more members of the board or staff of the board must be:

(A) Written;

(B) Electronic; or

(C) An oral communication recorded at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1); and

(2) Take all reasonable steps to remove himself or herself from the oral communication that is not recorded at a public meeting under § 25-19-106(d)(1).

(d) This section does not prohibit discussion regarding the apportionment of the state for representatives at a public meeting of the board.

(e) This section shall not be construed to exempt a public record of the board from disclosure under this chapter if the public record would otherwise be deemed to be made open under this chapter.

(f) A person who knowingly violates subdivision (b)(1) of this section upon conviction is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

/s/B. King