

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 629

By: Senator Caldwell  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW AN OFFICER OF A CLOSELY HELD CORPORATION TO REPRESENT THE CORPORATION IN COURT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVICTION PROCEEDINGS AND UNLAWFUL DETAINER PROCEEDINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ALLOW AN OFFICER OF A CLOSELY HELD CORPORATION TO REPRESENT THE CORPORATION IN COURT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVICTION PROCEEDINGS AND UNLAWFUL DETAINER PROCEEDINGS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-22-211(d) concerning the prohibition against the practice of law for corporations or associations, 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) Employing an attorney or attorneys in and about its own immediate affairs or in any litigation to which it is or may become a party;

(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; or

(4) Closely held corporation engaged in representing the closely held corporation if the:

(A) Closely held corporation has fewer than twenty (20) shareholders;

(B) Proceedings are related to an eviction under § 18-17-901 et seq. or an unlawful detainer under § 18-60-301 et seq; and

(C) Closely held corporation is represented in the proceedings by an officer of the closely held corporation.