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5 By: Representative Lowery

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7 ### For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT ACT; TO

9 REQUIRE SWORN TESTIMONY BEFORE COMMITTEES; AND FOR

10 OTHER PURPOSES.

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13 ### Subtitle

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15 AND TO REQUIRE SWORN TESTIMONY BEFORE

16 COMMITTEES.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 2, Subchapter 3, is amended

22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 10-2-309. Sworn testimony required — Oath.

24 (a) A person who testifies under subpoena or voluntarily before a

25 committee of the General Assembly shall swear or affirm an oath to tell the

26 truth before testifying.

27 (b) The person shall:

28 (1) Raise his or her right hand; and

29 (2) Answer the question, "Do you swear or affirm that the

30 testimony you are about to give before the General Assembly or committee or

31 subcommittee of the General Assembly is the truth, the whole truth, and

32 nothing but the truth?".

33 (c)(1) If a person will testify on more than one (1) occasion or

34 before more than one (1) committee during a legislative session, the person

35 may swear or affirm the oath one (1) time for the term of the legislative

36 session.

1   (2) A person who has previously sworn or affirmed the oath under

2 this section during the term of the legislative session shall advise the

3 chair of the committee before testimony that he or she is testifying under

4 oath.

5   (d) A person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor who:

6   (1) Testifies before a committee of the General Assembly without

7 affirming the oath under this section; or

8   (2) Gives false testimony to a committee of the General Assembly

9 after affirming the oath under this section.

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