

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF ACT 105 OF 1939 AS AMENDED [ARK. STATS. 53-105] TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE HEARING OFFICER OF THE ARKANSAS OIL AND GAS COMMISSION TO VOTE ON THE ADOPTION OF RULES, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS IN CASE OF THE ABSENCE OR DISQUALIFICATION OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Act 105 of 1939 as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 53-105, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. The Commission may appoint one (1) Director of Production and Conservation at a salary as set by law, and may at its discretion appoint such other assistants, petroleum and natural gas engineers, bookkeepers, auditors, gaugers, and stenographers, and other employees as may be necessary properly to administer and enforce the provisions of this Act.

The Director of Production and Conservation shall be ex officio Secretary of the Commission and shall keep all minutes and records of the Commission, and in addition thereto, shall collect and remit to the State Treasurer all moneys collected. He shall as such Secretary, give bond in such sum as the Commission may direct with corporate surety to be approved by the Commission, conditioned that he will well and truly account for all funds coming into his hands as such Secretary.

The Commission may appoint one (1) Hearing Officer to preside at all public hearings who shall be authorized to administer oaths and to conduct said hearings in conformity with the rules of order or procedure in hearings or other proceedings before it under this Act and to apply rules of evidence as established by law."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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