

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Senator Wilson**

A Bill

ACT 1255 OF 1995
SENATE BILL 588

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE RETIREMENT AND RELOCATION DIVISION
9 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM; TO ESTABLISH AN
10 ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE
11 *ACTIVITIES OF THE DIVISION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*"

Subtitle

14 "TO CREATE THE RETIREMENT AND RELOCATION
15 DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
16 TOURISM AND TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY
17 BOARD."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Intent. It is found and determined by the General Assembly
22 of the State of Arkansas that:

23 (1) Retirees relocating to Arkansas from elsewhere have had a
24 tremendous fiscal impact on our state by creating jobs, by expanding the tax
25 base and bringing new financial resources to our borders, while requiring
26 little in additional services provided by the state; and

27 (2) The natural beauty, physical resources and mild climate of the
28 state of Arkansas make it an attractive retirement location; and

29 (3) Establishing a state-sponsored program to promote economic
30 development of the state by encouraging retirees to relocate to Arkansas would
31 produce many benefits to the state.

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33 SECTION 2. There is established a Retirement and Relocation Division
34 with the Department of Parks and Tourism with functions, powers, and duties
35 consistent with the purposes of this act. The director of the Department of
36 Parks and Tourism, with the advice and consent of the Governor, shall appoint

1 the head of the Retirement and Relocation Division of the Department of Parks
2 and Tourism and may employ other employees as shall be necessary and
3 appropriate within funds as appropriated by the General Assembly.

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5 SECTION 3. The purposes of the Retirement and Relocation Division shall
6 be to promote the relocation of individuals, particularly retirees, to the
7 state of Arkansas by:

8 (1) Soliciting the relocation of retirees and other individuals to the
9 state of Arkansas by means of advertising and other promotional methods;

10 (2) Developing information and serving as a source of information
11 regarding retirement advantages and relocation resources and opportunities;

12 (3) Coordinating with and providing networking support and other
13 assistance to both public and private agencies and organizations that are
14 involved in retirement and relocation promotion and related activities;

15 (4) Conducting and supporting surveys and other research relating to
16 retirement and relocation issues; and

17 (5) Engaging in other activities consistent with the purposes of the
18 Division and this act.

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20 SECTION 4. (a) There is created the Retirement and Relocation Advisory
21 Board, which shall consist of twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor,
22 subject to confirmation by the Senate.

23 (1) Eight (8) at-large members shall be appointed by the
24 Governor, and at least four (4) of these eight (8) members shall be
25 individuals of at least fifty-five (55) years of age.

26 (2) The other four (4) members shall be appointed by the Governor
27 from a list of individuals recommended to the Governor by the Arkansas
28 Realtors Association or its successor organization.

29 (b) The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism shall serve as
30 an additional, non-voting, ex-officio member of the Advisory Board.

31 (c) The initial members of the Advisory Board shall draw lots to
32 determine their respective terms. Four (4) of the members shall serve a term
33 of three (3) years; four (4) members shall serve a term of two (2) years; and
34 four (4) members shall serve a term of one (1) year. All successive members
35 shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years.

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SECTION 5. The Retirement and Relocation Advisory Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Retirement and Relocation Division of the Department of Parks and Tourism providing advice and guidance to the Division with regard to its policies, procedures, programs, and activities in promoting the relocation of individuals, particularly retirees, to the state of Arkansas and its other purposes.

SECTION 6. (a) The members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement of their actual expenses for attending meetings of the Advisory Board at the same time and for the expenses provided by law for reimbursement of expenses of state employees.

(b) The Retirement and Relocation Division is authorized to reimburse the members of the Advisory Board for mileage at the rate per mile provided by law for reimbursement of mileage expenses for state employees for travel from their homes to the place of meeting and return.

(c) When it is required of a member of the Advisory Board to perform separate duties in connection with the official business of the division and these duties are required at times other than official meetings, then reimbursement will be allowed at the same rate provided by law for reimbursement of expenses of state employees.

SECTION 7. There is created on the books of the State Treasurer, State Auditor, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue fund to be known as the "Parks and Tourism-Retirement and Relocation Division Fund." The fund shall be used exclusively by the Retirement and Relocation Division of the Department of Parks and Tourism to fund its programs, operations and activities consistent with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 8. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 9. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 10. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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/s/Wilson

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