

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
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A Bill

Act 1189 of 2001
SENATE BILL 831

5 By: Senator Mahony
6 By: Representatives Lowery, M. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION TO
11 HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE COMMISSION IN CASES
12 REQUIRING SPECIALIZED LEGAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 COMMISSION TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO
17 REPRESENT THE COMMISSION IN CASES
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 15-71-104 is amended to read as follows:

26 15-71-104. ~~Attorney General and prosecuting attorney~~ Counsel for the
27 commission.

28 ~~(a) The Attorney General shall be attorney for the commission.~~
29 ~~However, in cases of emergency the commission may call upon the prosecuting~~
30 ~~attorney of the district where the action is to be brought or defended to~~
31 ~~represent the commission until such time as the Attorney General may take~~
32 ~~charge of the litigation.~~

33 (a)(1) The Oil and Gas Commission may employ an attorney to provide
34 specialized professional services in matters requiring legal representation,

35 (2) However, any contract for legal representation shall be
36 subject to approval by the Attorney General who shall otherwise be attorney

1 for the commission.

2 (b) Any member of the commission or the secretary thereof shall have
3 power to administer oaths to any witness in any hearing, investigation, or
4 proceeding contemplated by this act or by any other law of this state
5 relating to the conservation of oil or gas.

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