

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.
Act 1243 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 8th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2690

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5 By: Representatives Dangeau, Bolin, Boyd, Cook, Davenport, Mack, Rogers, Sullivan

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS
10 LAW TO RENAME THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER
11 CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO BECOME THE ARKANSAS
12 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO RENAME THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND
17 WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Legislative intent.

23 (a) Since the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission was
24 created by Act 1963, No. 14 the responsibilities of the commission have grown
25 to include water planning, groundwater protection, floodplain management,
26 nonpoint source pollution management, wetlands restoration, and financing of
27 drinking water and sewer infrastructure as well as the financing of water
28 treatment and collection facilities.

29 (b) The commission would more aptly be characterized by a name that
30 describes the commission's mission to protect natural resources for the
31 health, safety, and economic benefit of the state.

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission renamed
34 "Arkansas Natural Resources Commission".

35 (a)(1) The "Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission" as it is



1 referred to or empowered throughout the Arkansas Code, is renamed.

2 (2) In its place, the "Arkansas Natural Resources Commission" is
3 established, succeeding to the general powers and responsibilities previously
4 assigned to the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

5 (3) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Soil and Water
6 Conservation Commission is directed to identify and revise all interagency
7 agreements, financial instruments, funds, and other necessary legal documents
8 in order to effect this change.

9 (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed as impairing the powers and
10 authorities of the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission before the
11 effective date of the name change.

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13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-20-201 is amended to read as follows:
14 15-20-201. Creation.

15 There is created and established at the seat of government of this
16 state a commission to be known as the ~~"Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation~~
17 ~~Commission"~~ "Arkansas Natural Resources Commission", hereinafter also
18 referred to as the "commission".

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20 SECTION 4. (a) This act shall not be construed as impairing the
21 continued effectiveness of any regulations or orders promulgated or issued by
22 the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission before the effective date
23 of this act.

24 (b) This act shall not be construed as extinguishing or otherwise
25 affecting the unexpired terms of any current members of the Arkansas Soil and
26 Water Conservation Commission.

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28 SECTION 5. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall replace the
29 name "Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission" in all appropriate
30 sections of the Arkansas Code with the name "Arkansas Natural Resources
31 Commission".

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34 APPROVED: 3/24/2005

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