Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 631 of the Regular Session

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5	By: Senators Hester, B. Dav	is	
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO) AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN	
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11	PARKS, RE	CREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION; TO AM	IEND
12		CRSHIP OF THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION,	
13	TRAVEL CC	MMISSION; TO AMEND THE CALLING OF MEET	INGS
14		QUORUM FOR THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION	
15	TRAVEL CC	MMISSION; TO ELIMINATE COMMISSIONER EM	IERITUS
16	POSITIONS	; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE	
17	MISSISSIF	PPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION OF ARKANSA	AS; AND
18	FOR OTHER	R PURPOSES.	
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21		Subtitle	
22		AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE CALLING	
23	OF 1	MEETINGS OF AND A QUORUM FOR THE STATE	
24	PARI	KS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION;	
25	TO 1	ELIMINATE COMMISSIONER EMERITUS	
26	POS	ITIONS; AND TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI	
27	RIV	ER PARKWAY COMMISSION.	
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30	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAN	ISAS:
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32	SECTION 1. Ark	cansas Code § 15-11-202(a), concerning	the makeup of the
33		ion, and Travel Commission, is amended	to read as
34	follows:		
35		Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commissi	on shall consist
36	of fifteen (15) regul	lar members, of whom at least:	



1 (1) Four (4) are One (1) is active in media, including without 2 limitation newspaper, television, radio, Internet internet, or the video 3 service provider industry; 4 (2) Seven (7) have primary occupations in tourism, including 5 without limitation: 6 (A) Persons having occupations in the recreational or travel field of endeavor; and 7 8 (B) Owners or operators of food service, lodging, or 9 travel-oriented businesses such as boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp 10 grounds, tourist resorts, caves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms 11 commonly known as tourist attractions; 12 (3) One (1) is a historian with knowledge of Arkansas's historic 13 background Five (5) are from the public at large; 14 (4) One (1) is a representative of either employment or 15 avocation in recreation and conservation; and 16 (5) One (1) is a representative of either employment or 17 avocation in arts and culture; and 18 (6) One (1) is sixty (60) years of age or older, serving as a 19 representative of the elderly who shall not be actively engaged in or retired 20 from the professions set out in subdivisions (a)(1)-(5), (2), and (4) of this 21 section. 22 23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-11-202(b), concerning the members of the 24 State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, is repealed. 25 (b) In addition to the membership under subsection (a) of this 26 section, the membership of the commission may include one (1) or more 27 commissioners emeriti if designated under § 15-11-203. 28 29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-11-203 is repealed. 15-11-203. Commissioner emeritus. 30 31 (a) A person shall be known and designated as a "commissioner 32 emeritus" if he or she: 33 (1) Has served for at least twenty-four (24) years as a member of the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, as established by §§ 34 15-11-201, 15-11-202, and 15-11-204 - 15-11-207, or its predecessor 35 36 commissions; and

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1	(2) Was known and designated as a "commissioner emeritus" under
2	this section on or before July 22, 2015.
3	(b) A commissioner emeritus shall serve as a member of the commission
4	for the remainder of his or her life, shall be notified of all commission
5	meetings, and is entitled to the same expenses and other allowances for
6	attending commission meetings as is provided by law for other commission
7	members.
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9	SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 15-11-204(d) and (e), concerning the
10	calling of meetings of and a quorum for the State Parks, Recreation, and
11	Travel Commission, are amended to read as follows:
12	(d) Meetings shall be at the call of the Chair of the State Parks,
13	Recreation, and Travel Commission either at his or her own instance or upon
14	the written request of at least seven (7) <u>a majority of</u> members.
15	(e) A quorum shall consist of not fewer than seven (7) members present
16	at any regular or special meeting. A majority affirmative vote of that number
17	shall be necessary for the disposition of any business.
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19	SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-69-202(b), concerning the members of the
20	Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas, is repealed.
21	(b)(l) Any person who has served, is now serving, or serves in the
22	future as a member of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas,
23	as established by this subchapter, who has served or serves twenty (20) years
24	as a member of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas, and as
25	pilot or president of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission, shall, from
26	and after February 3, 1983, be known and designated as a "commissioner
27	emeritus".
28	(2) A commissioner emeritus shall serve as a member of the
29	Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas for the remainder of his or
30	her life and shall be notified of all Mississippi River Parkway Commission of
31	Arkansas meetings and is entitled to the same expenses and other allowances
32	for attending Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas meetings as is
33	provided by law for other Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas
34	members.
35	(3) The Governor of the State of Arkansas shall cause an
36	appropriate commission to be prepared and issued to each commissioner

1	emeritus of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas, who shall
2	file it with the Secretary of State and take the official oath of office
3	before entering upon his or her duties as a commissioner emeritus of the
4	Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas.
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6	SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. This act shall not
7	shorten the term of any current member of the State Parks, Recreation, and
8	Travel Commission but shall be implemented as terms expire and by filling
9	vacancies on the commission.
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