

February 1, 2022

The Honorable Kim Hammer, Senate Co-Chairman The Honorable Les Eaves, House Co-Chairman Arkansas Legislative Council- Administrative Rules 1 Capitol Mall, 5th floor Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Hammer and Representative Eaves,

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §25-15-216(b)(4), as amended by Act 595 of 2021, please consider the following Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism update on rulemaking resulting from Acts of 2021.

Act 777

Arkansas Cultural Institutions Trust Fund

- Summary of Rule: Creates a trust fund administered by the Division of Arkansas Heritage to support major capital improvement projects at Arkansas Cultural Institutions.
- Status Update: Proposed rules submitted to Governor's office for review and approval on December 21, 2021. Awaiting review and approval from the Governor.
- New Rule

Act 1003

An Act to Create the Arkansas State Capitol and Historical Monument Protection Act

- Summary of Rule: Provides for the preservation of historical monuments on public property and the State Capitol area and limits the removal of these monuments.
- Status Update: The Historical Monument rule was approved by the Governor's office on January 10, 2022. The rules were filed with the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Secretary of State's office on January 13, 2022. Notice was published for three consecutive days in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette from January 16 through January 18, 2022. ADPHT will hold a public hearing to accept public comment on February 11, 2022. The rules were also published on the ADPHT website. The public comment period ends on February 17, 2022. After February 17, 2022, ADPHT will resolve any substantive comments made during the public comment period and submit any changes made to the rules to the Bureau of Legislative Research. In late February, ADPHT will request the rules be placed on the agenda of ALC-rules Subcommittee agenda.
- New Rule

The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism will continue to provide monthly updates on rulemaking resulting from Acts of 2021. If there are any changes or additional updates identified, the Department will provide further information in these monthly updates submitted to the ALC-Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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