

April 1, 2022

The Honorable Kim Hammer, Senate Co-Chairman The Honorable Les Eaves, House Co-Chairman Arkansas Legislative Council- Administrative Rules 1 Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> 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: Rules submitted to the Bureau of Legislative Research on March 2, 2022. The public comment period for these rules ends on April 6, 2022. No public comments have been received as of April 1, 2022.
- 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 public comment period ended on February 17, 2022. Agency reviewed comments made during the public comment period. Agency communicated with lead sponsor of the Act, Senator Mark Johnson, regarding comments. Agency currently making updates and edits to the rules based on comments received. On March 3, 2022, the agency withdrew the rules for consideration including notification to the Bureau of Legislative Research. Agency will submit updated proposed rules as soon as possible.
- 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,

Leslie Fisken

Chief of Legislative Affairs

Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism

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