

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Senator Gordon**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 10-3-203 (3) (A) (vi) TO
9 AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE ON TOURISM
10 DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
11 TOURISM IN ATTRACTING VISITORS TO OUR STATE AND IN
12 DERIVING THE MOST BENEFIT FROM THE REVENUES GENERATED BY
13 THE TWO PERCENT (2%) TOURISM TAX AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
14 ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE PARKS TO REVIEW
15 THE NEEDS OF THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER
16 PURPOSES."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Subdivision (3) (A) (vi) of Arkansas Code § 10-3-203 is hereby
21 amended to read as follows:

22 "(vi) (a) Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development. This
23 committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to agriculture,
24 livestock, forestry, industrial development, natural resources, oil and gas,
25 publicity and parks, levees and drainage, rivers and harbors, and similar
26 legislation.

27 (b) The Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development
28 shall establish a Subcommittee on Tourism Development. The Subcommittee shall
29 assist the Department of Parks and Tourism in attracting visitors to our state
30 and otherwise promoting tourism in Arkansas, and shall assist the Department
31 in deriving the most benefit from the revenues generated by the two percent
32 (2%) tourism tax. The Subcommittee shall consist of the current members of
33 the committee who served during 1989-90 interim on the Subcommittee on Tourism
34 Development of the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic
35 Development. In addition to those persons, the subcommittee shall consist of

1 four (4) additional members of the House, two (2) of whom shall be appointed
2 by the Speaker from the House at-large and two (2) of whom shall be members of
3 and appointed by the House Chairman of the Joint Interim Committee on State
4 Agencies, and two (2) additional members of the Senate, one (1) of whom shall
5 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore from the Senate
6 at-large and one (1) of whom shall be a member of and appointed by the Senate
7 Chairman of the Joint Interim Committee of State Agencies. The Co-chairman of
8 the Tourism Development Subcommittee shall be appointed by the respective
9 House and Senate Chairmen of the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and
10 Economic Development.

11 (c) The Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development
12 shall establish a Subcommittee on State Parks. The Subcommittee on State
13 Parks shall review the needs of the State Park system and assist the
14 Department of Parks and Tourism in determining the most efficient and
15 beneficial use of the limited recreational resources of the state. The
16 Subcommittee shall consist of the current members of the committee who served
17 during 1989-90 interim on the Subcommittee on State Parks of Joint Interim
18 Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development. In addition to those
19 persons, the Subcommittee shall consist of four (4) additional members of the
20 House, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker from the House at-
21 large and two (2) of whom shall be members of and appointed by the House
22 Chairman of the Joint Interim Committee on State Agencies, and two (2)
23 additional members of the Senate, one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the
24 President Pro Tempore from the Senate at-large and one (1) of whom shall be a
25 member of and appointed by the Senate Chairman of the Joint Interim Committee
26 of State Agencies. The Co-chairman of the State Parks Subcommittee shall be
27 appointed by the respective House and Senate Chairmen of the Joint Interim
28 Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development."

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30 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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