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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ACT 810 OF 1989 TO
9 CONTINUE THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS_ FUTURE AS AN ONGOING
10 STATE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 810 OF 1989 TO CONTINUE THE
14 COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS_ FUTURE AS AN ONGOING STATE
15 PROGRAM."

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

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19 SECTION 1. Section 1 of uncodified Act 810 of 1989 is hereby amended to
20 read as follows:

21 "SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby created the Commission for Arkansas'
22 Future to be composed of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; the Speaker of
23 the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore; three (3) members of the
24 Arkansas Senate selected by the Senate Committee on Committees; three (3)
25 members of the Arkansas House of Representatives to be selected by the Speaker
26 of the House; and five (5) Arkansas residents from each Congressional District
27 to be appointed by the Governor by April 1, 1993. No person appointed by the
28 Governor shall be a member of the Arkansas General Assembly. The Governor
29 shall make his appointments in such a manner that members are representative
30 of the State and are diverse in ethnicity, gender, race, socioeconomic status,
31 and geographic location. In order to assure continuity of the Commission_s
32 program of work, consideration shall be given to the reappointment of current
33 members as deemed appropriate. All non-legislative appointees shall serve five
34 (5) year terms unless they resign or are unable to serve or fail to attend,
35 without excuse, two (2) consecutive meetings of the full Commission. At the

1 first meeting of the Commission, the non-legislative members shall draw lots
2 to determine the length of their initial terms for each congressional district
3 represented. The length of terms for each non-legislative member shall be of
4 graduated length from one (1) year to five (5) years. One (1) member from
5 each district shall serve an initial one (1) year term, one (1) member from
6 each district shall serve an initial two (2) year term, one (1) member from
7 each district shall serve an initial three (3) year term, one (1) member from
8 each district shall serve an initial four (4) year term, and one (1) member
9 from each district shall serve an initial five (5) year term. Thereafter,
10 non-legislative members of the Commission shall serve five (5) year terms and
11 shall not be eligible for reappointment except for those initially drawing
12 terms of less than five (5) years or as otherwise provided.

13 (b) The non-legislative members of the Commission shall serve without
14 pay but shall be entitled to per diem of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each day's
15 attendance at a meeting of the Commission or any committee of the Commission,
16 and mileage reimbursement at the rate prescribed by State travel regulations
17 for State employees, so long as adequate funds are appropriated and available
18 to cover paying the per diem."

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20 SECTION 2. Section 5 of uncodified Act 810 of 1989 is hereby amended to
21 read as follows:

22 "SECTION 5. When a vacancy occurs on the Commission the chairman shall
23 notify the appropriate appointing official and the vacancy shall be filled in
24 the same manner as the original appointment. Persons appointed to fill
25 vacancies shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term and shall be
26 eligible for reappointment for one (1) five-year term. In the event the
27 vacancy arises as a result of a member missing two (2) consecutive meetings
28 without excuse, the chairman shall also notify that member. Any member of the
29 Commission appointed by the Governor shall be subject to removal in accordance
30 with Arkansas Code §25-16-804."

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32 SECTION 3. Section 6 of uncodified Act 810 of 1989 is hereby amended to
33 read as follows:

34 "SECTION 6. The Governor shall appoint a chairman to serve until the
35 Commission shall elect from its non-legislative members a chairman and a vice-

1 chairman to serve for two (2) years. The Commission shall also elect three
2 (3) of its non-legislative members to serve two (2) years with the chairman
3 and vice-chairman as an Executive Committee. The Senate Commission members
4 shall select one (1) of their number to serve as a non-voting member of the
5 Executive Committee, and the House Commission members shall do likewise. The
6 executive director shall be employed by the executive committee and shall work
7 under the direction and control of the executive committee. Other members of
8 the staff shall be employed by and report to the executive director."

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10 SECTION 4. Section 7 of uncodified Act 810 of 1989 is hereby amended to
11 read as follows:

12 "SECTION 7. (a) The Commission shall have the duties and
13 responsibilities to develop and monitor progress toward an ongoing overall
14 strategic plan for the state. The Commission in developing the plan shall:
15 oversee the cyclical strategic visioning and planning process which involves
16 citizen participation in the development of goals and strategies for the
17 state; establish goals and prioritize policy statements from this process;
18 develop and monitor a measurement system to identify how well the goals are
19 being accomplished; identify trends affecting the state; and develop detailed
20 strategies and initiatives that will assist the state in maximizing its
21 potential.

22 (b) The Commission shall present its recommended strategies no later
23 than September 30, of each even numbered year to the Governor and the
24 Legislative Council. The Commission, in order to encourage and monitor
25 progress toward accomplishment of the goals while working in concert with
26 other state agencies, shall have the authority to develop and implement
27 systems for measurement and accountability. Additionally, the Commission will
28 have the responsibility for coordinating efforts to implement their strategies
29 and initiatives."

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31 SECTION 5. Section 10 of uncodified Act 810 of 1989 is hereby amended
32 to read as follows:

33 "SECTION 10. The Commission shall meet at least twice each year. "

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35 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 7. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 8. (a) Sections 2, 3, and 4 of uncodified Act 810 of 1989 are
11 hereby repealed.

12 (b) All other laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
13 hereby repealed.

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15 SECTION 9. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the
16 Seventy-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is imperative
17 that the entity that was established and organized under Act 810 of 1989 to
18 assess Arkansas_ future needs should continue work toward preparing a
19 strategic plan for this State; that it is necessary to continue the Act which
20 created the temporary entity, the Commission for Arkansas_ Future; and that
21 this Act should be given effect immediately in order that the entity may be
22 continued as soon as possible. Therefore, in order to allow the Commission
23 for Arkansas_ Future to continue work without interruption, an emergency is
24 hereby declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force
26 and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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