

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Hawkins**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-8-205 TO ALLOW MEMBERS
9 OF THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL
10 ACTIVITIES EXCEPT THOSE ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE MUNICIPAL,
11 COUNTY OR STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN
15 LIMITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY."
16

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

19
20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-8-205 is amended to read as follows:

21 "12-8-205. Political activities.

22 (a) The members of the Arkansas State Police shall be required on
23 penalty of discharge to remain constantly aloof from political activities that
24 involves a municipal, county, state legislative or gubernatorial candidate or
25 measure.

26 (b) They shall not be at any time detailed to perform any work
27 pertaining to political activities affecting either a municipal, county, state
28 legislative or gubernatorial candidate or measure but shall devote their
29 entire time to the duties herein set forth.

30 (c) The members of the Arkansas State Police shall not be required nor
31 counseled to make, solicit, or prescribe contributions toward and for any
32 political campaign that involves a municipal, county, state legislative or
33 gubernatorial candidate or measure.

34 (d) The members of the Arkansas State Police shall not be required, nor
35 permitted, directly or indirectly, to participate or assist in any manner in

1 any municipal, county, state legislative or gubernatorial political campaign
2 in behalf of any municipal, county, state legislative or gubernatorial
3 candidate or measure.

4 (e) They shall not voluntarily perform any work or service in
5 connection with any municipal, county, state legislative or gubernatorial
6 political campaign, nor shall they publicly and openly espouse the municipal,
7 county, state legislative or gubernatorial candidacy of any man or measure.

8 (f) It is declared to be the intention of the General Assembly to
9 prohibit members of the Arkansas State Police from taking part, voluntarily or
10 otherwise, directly or indirectly, from participating in any municipal,
11 county, state legislative or gubernatorial political campaign or soliciting
12 the support thereto, votes, or contributions for any municipal, county or
13 state legislative candidate or measure.

14 (g) The violation of these provisions shall be sufficient for the
15 removal of any member of the Arkansas State Police force. However, nothing in
16 this section shall interfere with the rights of any member of the Arkansas
17 State Police to vote for any candidate or upon any issues as his reason and
18 conscience may dictate."

19

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

23

24 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
28 act are declared to be severable.

29

30 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
31 hereby repealed.

32

33

34

35

