

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

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FIRE ANT ADVISORY BOARD;
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

12 "TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FIRE ANT ADVISORY BOARD."

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

16 SECTION 1. The Arkansas Fire Ant Advisory Board is hereby created to
17 accept all gifts, grants and other monies from any source for the purpose of
18 financing new and ongoing fire ant research and providing counsel in planning
19 and executing such research.

21 SECTION 2. Said monies will route through the University of Arkansas
22 Agricultural Experiment Station or the University of Arkansas Agricultural
23 Development Council at Fayetteville for use by fire ant researchers in the
24 Department of Forest Resources at the University of Arkansas at Monticello or
25 other researchers in cooperative efforts with researchers at the University of
26 Arkansas at Monticello.

28 SECTION 3. The head of the Department of Forest Resources at the
29 University of Arkansas at Monticello shall serve as chairman of the board.
30 The board shall meet at the call of the chairman and no less frequently than
31 annually.

33 SECTION 4. The Arkansas Fire Ant Advisory Board will be composed of the
34 head of the Department of Forest Resources at the University of Arkansas at
35 Monticello, the head of the Department of Entomology at the University of

1 Arkansas at Fayetteville or his representative, the director of the Arkansas
2 State Plant Board or his representative, and the following to be appointed
3 from an ant infested area by the chairman:

- 4 (a) a representative of an Arkansas environmental interest group,
- 5 (b) a county extension agent or a member of the general public,
- 6 (c) a representative of the farm or ranch industry, and
- 7 (d) a representative of the horticultural or nursery industry.

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9 SECTION 5. Members of the board appointed by the chairman shall serve
10 staggered terms so that the terms of two (2) appointed board members shall
11 expire on January 1 of each odd numbered year, and their successors shall be
12 appointed for four (4) year terms. Persons appointed to fill vacancies shall
13 serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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15 SECTION 6. Members of the board shall serve without compensation. To
16 the extent monies are available, and subject to the approval of the chairman,
17 board members may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out
18 their official duties.

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20 SECTION 7. The chairman shall provide necessary meeting space and
21 administrative services for the board.

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23 SECTION 8. No later than January 1 of each year, the board shall report
24 to the directors of the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station
25 and the Cooperative Extension Service regarding all monies received and
26 expended by it during the preceding fiscal year.

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28 SECTION 9. The board may promulgate regulations necessary for the
29 implementation of this act.

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31 SECTION 10. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
32 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
33 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 11. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 12. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
7 hereby repealed.

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9 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
10 General Assembly that fire ants are becoming a serious problem in this state;
11 that it is urgent that appropriate action be taken to provide for expanded
12 research concerning the fire ant; that this act is designed to establish a
13 Fire Ant Advisory Board to promote such research and to assist in planning and
14 executing the research. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
15 and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
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