

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 557

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO MODERNIZE ARKANSAS LAW PERTAINING TO  
11 CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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15 TO MODERNIZE ARKANSAS LAW PERTAINING TO  
16 CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-63-201(d), concerning gift annuities, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (d)(1)(A) The commissioner, in his or her reasonable discretion guided  
24 by the standards contained in this subsection and consistent with the ~~purpose~~  
25 purposes set forth in this subsection, may issue a special permit to make  
26 fixed-dollar life-only annuity agreements with donors to any duly organized  
27 domestic or foreign nonstock corporation or association conducted without  
28 profit and:

29 (i) ~~engaged~~ Engaged in active operation for at least  
30 five (5) years prior ~~thereto~~ to receiving the permit solely in bona fide  
31 charitable, religious, missionary, educational, or philanthropic activities; ~~;~~  
32 or

33 ~~(B)(ii) The commissioner may approve the issuance of~~  
34 ~~a permit to such a corporation or association that has not been~~ Not engaged  
35 in active operation solely in bona fide charitable, religious, missionary,  
36 educational, or philanthropic activities for five (5) years if ~~he or she~~ the



1 commissioner is reasonably satisfied that:

2 (a) ~~the~~ The entity is affiliated with a  
3 corporation or association ~~of this description that has been in operation for~~  
4 ~~such a period~~ that meets the requirements of subdivision (d)(1)(A)(i) of this  
5 section; and

6 (b) ~~that there is readily available to the~~  
7 ~~entity requesting the permit an~~ An adequate level of management expertise is  
8 readily available to the entity requesting the permit.

9 ~~(C)(B)~~ The permit shall authorize the corporation or  
10 association to receive gifts of money conditioned upon, or in return for, its  
11 agreement to pay an annuity to the donor or his or her nominee and to make  
12 and carry out the annuity agreement.

13 ~~(D)(C)~~ Before making ~~the agreements~~ an annuity agreement  
14 under this subsection (d), every ~~such~~ corporation or association shall file  
15 with the commissioner for his or her approval either:

16 (i) A schedule of its maximum annuity rates that  
17 shall be computed on the basis of the annuity standard adopted by it for  
18 calculating its reserves; or

19 (ii) A statement certifying that it adopts and will  
20 adhere to the annuity rates as published from time to time by the American  
21 Council on Gift Annuities or its successor until the corporation or  
22 association advises the commissioner to the contrary in writing. ~~At such~~  
23 ~~latter time, the corporation or association shall then file~~ and files a  
24 schedule of its new proposed maximum annuity rates for approval.

25 ~~(E)(D)~~ Filings and approvals required ~~herein~~ under this  
26 subsection (d) shall be subject to the provisions of §§ 23-79-109 and 23-79-  
27 110.

28 (2) Each ~~such~~ domestic corporation or association shall maintain  
29 reserves with respect to the annuity or income stream that it has agreed to  
30 pay to a charitable donor ~~either~~ by:

31 (A) Calculation of the reserves upon the obligation of the  
32 permittee to the donor annuitant in the manner set forth in § 23-84-101 et  
33 seq. concerning the standard valuation law for life insurance and annuities;

34 (B) Maintaining account reserves in an amount equal to the  
35 aggregate values determined at the dates of contribution of all assets  
36 received from donors with respect to annuities for annuitants who are then

1 living; or

2 (C) Calculation of the reserves as the present value of  
3 all future benefits to be paid to the donor annuitant based upon the most  
4 recent mortality table published by the United States Internal Revenue  
5 Service.

6 (3)(A) Unless otherwise permitted by the commissioner, each  
7 corporation or association shall maintain a segregated account or accounts  
8 for its charitable gift annuities.

9 (B) The segregated account or accounts shall be used  
10 solely to pay the charitable gift annuity benefits of the corporation or  
11 association.

12 ~~(B)(C)~~ (C) If the commissioner finds the reserve established  
13 by a permittee inadequate at any time, the commissioner shall order the  
14 permittee to increase its reserve accordingly, or the commissioner may  
15 stipulate the reserving method for the permittee to rectify the reserve  
16 deficiency.

17 (4) Each corporation or association, except those identified in  
18 subdivision (d)(5) of this section, shall maintain net admitted assets at  
19 least equal to the greater of:

20 (A) The sum of its reserves on its outstanding agreements,  
21 all other liabilities, and a surplus of at least ten percent (10%) of the  
22 reserves; or

23 (B) The amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

24 (5) Each ~~such~~ domestic corporation or association maintaining  
25 reserves in the manner described ~~at~~ in subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section  
26 shall maintain net admitted assets at least equal to the amount of the  
27 reserves plus all other outstanding liabilities.

28 ~~(6)(A)~~ (6) In determining reserves, a deduction shall be made for  
29 all or any portion of an annuity risk that is reinsured by a life insurance  
30 company authorized to do business in this state.

31 ~~(B)(7)(A)~~ (7)(A) The required admitted assets shall be invested:

32 (i) only Only in securities permitted by the  
33 provisions of §§ 23-63-801 - 23-63-833, 23-63-835, 23-63-839, and 23-63-840;  
34 or

35 (ii) In accordance with the provisions of the  
36 prudent investor rule stated in §§ 24-2-610 - 24-2-619.

1                   (B) The investments shall be held by a custodian in  
 2 accordance with § 23-69-134(b)(4).

3                   ~~(7)~~(8) No ~~such~~ corporation or association organized under the  
 4 laws of another state shall be permitted to make ~~such~~ annuity agreements in  
 5 this state unless it complies with all requirements of this subsection  
 6 imposed upon ~~like~~ domestic corporations or associations, except that ~~it~~ a  
 7 corporation or association organized under the laws of another state may  
 8 invest its reserves and surplus funds in securities permitted by the laws of  
 9 ~~the~~ its state of domicile.

10                   ~~(8)(A)~~(9)(A) No ~~such~~ corporation or association shall make or  
 11 issue in this state any annuity contract before obtaining a permit issued in  
 12 accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

13                   (B) If, after notice and hearing, the commissioner finds  
 14 that ~~any such~~ a corporation or association having ~~such~~ a permit has failed to  
 15 comply with the requirements of this subsection, he or she may revoke or  
 16 suspend ~~such a~~ the permit or order the permittee to cease making new annuity  
 17 contracts until it complies.

18                   (C)(i) All ~~such~~ corporations or associations operating  
 19 under this subsection (d) shall be required to file an annual financial  
 20 statement of their operations and accounts and schedule of outstanding  
 21 annuities with applicable reserves within ninety (90) days of the end of  
 22 their fiscal year.

23                   (ii) The report ~~is to~~ shall be prepared by a  
 24 certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted accounting  
 25 principles detailing the financial condition and status of the corporation or  
 26 association as of the ~~just-concluded~~ conclusion of its most recent fiscal  
 27 year.

28                   (iii) Each domestic corporation or association  
 29 investing assets in the manner described in subdivision (d)(7)(A)(ii) of this  
 30 section shall file with the annual report:

31                   (a) A description of the organization's  
 32 investment philosophy for charitable gift annuities and how the investments  
 33 of the company are designed to meet future charitable gift annuity  
 34 obligations;

35                   (b) A report from the organization identifying  
 36 the members of the investment committee charged with making investment

1 decisions regarding charitable gift annuity assets including a description of  
2 each committee member's investment expertise; and

3 (c) A certification of the board of directors  
4 of the corporation or association that attests that its investments and  
5 investment transactions match the organization's philosophy and meet the  
6 standards of the prudent investor rule stated in §§ 24-2-610 – 24-2-619.

7 (10) The commissioner may promulgate any rules and regulations  
8 he or she considers necessary or desirable to implement the provisions of  
9 this subsection (d).

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