

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.
Act 374 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1551

5 By: Representative Maxwell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON
10 COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY FINANCE; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON
14 COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY FINANCE.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. The Arkansas Blue
21 Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance.

22 (a) There is created a legislative committee to be known as the
23 "Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance", to be composed of the
24 following members:

25 (1) Ten (10) members shall be residents of the state who are
26 knowledgeable in transportation, logistics, finance, business, industry,
27 civil engineering, or economic development;

28 (2) One (1) member shall be an elected county official who is a
29 member of the Association of Arkansas Counties and appointed by its Executive
30 Director;

31 (3) One (1) member shall be an elected city official who is a
32 member of the Arkansas Municipal League and appointed by its Executive
33 Director;

34 (4) One (1) member shall be a member of the State Highway
35 Commission;



1 (5) One (1) member shall be the Chair of the House Committee on
2 Revenue and Taxation;

3 (6) One (1) member shall be the Chair of the Senate Committee on
4 Revenue and Taxation;

5 (7) Two (2) members who are the Co-chairs of the Joint Budget
6 Committee;

7 (8) One (1) member shall be the Chair of the Senate Committee on
8 Transportation, Technology, and Legislative Affairs; and

9 (9) One (1) member shall be the Chair of the House Committee on
10 Public Transportation.

11 (b)(1) The Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the House Committee on
13 Public Transportation, and the Chair of the Senate Committee on
14 Transportation, Technology, and Legislative Affairs shall each appoint two
15 (2) of the ten (10) members as required under subdivision (a)(1) of this
16 section.

17 (2) The Governor shall appoint the members as required under
18 subdivisions (a)(2) and (3) of this section.

19 (3) The chair of the State Highway Commission shall appoint the
20 member as required under subdivision (a)(4) of this section.

21 (4) The appointments under this section shall be made within six
22 (6) weeks after the effective date of this act.

23 (c) If a vacancy occurs on the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on
24 Highway Finance, the vacancy shall be filled by the same process as the
25 original appointment.

26 (d) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology
27 and Legislative Affairs shall call the first meeting and serve as Chair of
28 the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance until the time, during
29 the first meeting, the members of the committee shall elect from among
30 themselves a chair.

31 (e)(1) In carrying out its functions, the Arkansas Blue Ribbon
32 Committee on Highway Finance may create advisory task forces as it deems
33 necessary.

34 (2) The memberships of these advisory task forces may include
35 both members of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance and
36 other persons drawn from sources other than the committee, all of whom shall

1 serve at the pleasure of the task force.

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3 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Purpose.

4 The Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance shall:

5 (1) Seek to actively involve the public as full and valued
6 partners in determining adequate financing of the present and future needs of
7 the state highways, county roads, and city streets within the state;

8 (2) Define an equitable and adequate system to properly finance
9 improvements to the systems of state highways, county roads, and city streets
10 within the state; and

11 (3) Propose and recommend legislation for the 2011 Regular
12 Session of the General Assembly.

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14 SECTION 3. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Donations,
15 grants, and legislative appropriations.

16 The research, activities, and other mandates performed by the Arkansas
17 Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance under the this act may be funded by
18 donations, grants, or legislative appropriations.

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20 SECTION 4. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Report.

21 The Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance shall submit a
22 report and its recommendations for any proposed legislation to the following
23 on or before July 1, 2010:

24 (1) The Governor;

25 (2) The House Committee on Public Transportation;

26 (3) The Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology, and
27 Legislative Affairs;

28 (4) The House Committee on Revenue and Taxation;

29 (5) The Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation;

30 (6) The Arkansas Legislative Council;

31 (7) The State Highway Commission;

32 (8) The Association of Arkansas Counties; and

33 (9) The Arkansas Municipal League.

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35 SECTION 5. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Staff support.

36 (a) The Bureau of Legislative Research and the Arkansas State Highway

1 and Transportation Department shall provide staff support for the Arkansas
 2 Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance.

3 (b) Additional support shall be provided by all the appropriate
 4 agencies of state government upon written request of the Chair of the
 5 Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance.

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 7 SECTION 6. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Per diem.

8 (a) Legislative members of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on
 9 Highway Finance shall be entitled to per diem and mileage at the same rate
 10 authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the
 11 General Assembly and shall be paid from the same source.

12 (b) Non-legislative members of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on
 13 Highway Finance shall be entitled to per diem and mileage at the same rate
 14 authorized by law for attendance by members of the General Assembly at
 15 meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly, provided that funds
 16 are available.

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 18 SECTION 7. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Expiration.
 19 This act expires on January 1, 2011.

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 21 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 22 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that recent information indicates
 23 that the state has severe and pressing needs regarding the state's system of
 24 state highways, county roads, and city streets; and that this act is
 25 immediately necessary because a thorough review of the state's highway system
 26 must be immediately undertaken to fully address needs relevant to the state's
 27 system of state highways, county roads, and city streets. Therefore, an
 28 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for
 29 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
 30 effective on:

31 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

32 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 33 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 34 bill; or

35 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the
 36 Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the

1 veto.

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