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A Bill

SENATE BILL 172

5 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONFERRING STATEWIDE JURISDICTION TO A
10 CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE
11 STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
12 TOURISM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
17 EMPLOYED BY THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 15-11-212. Enforcement of state law – Statewide jurisdiction.

27 A person designated as and employed as a law enforcement officer by the
28 Department of Parks and Tourism shall:

29 (1) Be a certified law enforcement officer under § 12-9-101 et
30 seq.; and

31 (2) Have statewide law enforcement jurisdiction and authority.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-4-103(9), concerning the power of the
34 State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, is amended to read as
35 follows:

36 (9) To confer on employees of the department the full authority



1 of peace officers for all land under its jurisdiction and to confer on a
2 certified law enforcement officer employed by the commission the authority to
3 enforce the laws of the state, as permitted by law, anywhere within the
4 state.

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