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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1261

5 By: Representative Davis  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE  
9 RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDING A PERSON TO BE APPOINTED  
10 AS POET LAUREATE BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND THE TERM  
11 LENGTH OF A POET LAUREATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDING A PERSON TO  
16 BE APPOINTED AS POET LAUREATE BY THE  
17 GOVERNOR; AND TO AMEND THE TERM LENGTH OF  
18 A POET LAUREATE.  
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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 § 1-4-114(b), concerning the Poet Laureate,  
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 (b)(1) The person designated or appointed by the Governor as Poet  
27 Laureate of the State of Arkansas shall be a person whose name was selected  
28 from a list of names submitted to the Governor upon recommendation of a  
29 committee consisting of ~~the principal heads of the English departments of all~~  
30 ~~state-supported universities and colleges;~~

31 (A) Two (2) principal heads of English departments of  
32 state-supported universities or colleges who are selected by the Director of  
33 the Department of Higher Education; and

34 (B) Two (2) members of the Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas  
35 who are selected by the President of the Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas.

36 (2)(A) The person serving as Poet Laureate of the State of



1 Arkansas on the effective date of this act shall serve until the person's  
2 death or resignation from the position.

3 (B) The term of a Poet Laureate of the State of Arkansas  
4 appointed after the effective date of this act is four (4) years.

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