

1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2019

A Bill

SENATE BILL 5

4
5 By: Senators T. Garner, Teague
6 By: Representative Watson

7 8 For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL STATE KNIFE; TO
10 DESIGNATE THE BOWIE KNIFE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE
11 KNIFE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

12 13 Subtitle

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15 TO DESIGNATE THE BOWIE KNIFE AS THE
16 OFFICIAL STATE KNIFE.

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

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20 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

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22 (a) The General Assembly finds that the:

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24 (1) Bowie knife has played an important part in Arkansas
history;

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26 (2) Bowie knife was known as early as 1835 as an "Arkansas
Toothpick";

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28 (3) Bowie knife was used in Arkansas in 1836 when Arkansas was
admitted to the union;

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30 (4) Bowie knife is regarded as Arkansas's most famous weapon;
and

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32 (5) Bowie knife continues to be produced by artisans for use by
outdoorsmen and hunters in the state.

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34 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to recognize the
significance of the Bowie knife in the history of Arkansas.

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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended



1 to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 1-4-134. State knife.

3 The Bowie knife is designated the official knife of the State of
4 Arkansas.

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