

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM ALLOWANCE PROGRAM IN THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FOR UNIFORMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 9 of Act 415 of 1975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 9. UNIFORM ALLOWANCE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is hereby authorized to establish a Uniform Allowance Program for certain staff and field employees of the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

An initial maximum allowance of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) may be paid to those designated new employees during their first year of employment and after satisfactory completion of an initial six (6) months probationary period.

A maximum allowance of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year may be paid to those other designated employees for replacement or maintenance of uniforms. Uniform allowance will be dependent upon available funds, not to exceed established maximums. The maintenance and replacement allowance shall be payable beginning the 2nd year of employment with the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

The Arkansas Forestry Commission shall determine what is to constitute the Arkansas Forestry Commission Uniform. Provided, the uniform shall include a badge and identification card bearing the words: "Arkansas Forestry Commission," a full-face picture of the person to whom the badge and identification card is issued, and such other information as the Arkansas Forestry Commission shall require. All persons issued such a badge and identification card shall wear, carry or display it at such times and places as shall be designated as required by the Arkansas Forestry Commission."

SECTION 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that because of the case *Ricarte v. State*, CR 86-31, a question has arisen over the validity of Act 1195 of the Extended Session of 1976; that this Act is a reenactment of the former law; and that the immediate passage of this Act is necessary to clarify the state of the law on this issue. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: April 14, 1987
