

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS PARKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF DESIGNATING U.S. HIGHWAY 71 IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS A SCENIC PARKWAY AND SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1988; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that northwest Arkansas is one of the most scenic areas in the State; that U.S. Highway 71 traverses some of the most scenic, rugged and mountainous ranges in the State; that the economy of this area of the State depends to a large extent on the tourist industry and that the designation and development of U.S. Highway 71 as a scenic parkway would make this beautiful area of the State more accessible and would promote tourism and enhance the economy of northwest Arkansas and the entire State; and that it is the purpose of this Act to establish a committee to make a study of the feasibility of designating and developing U.S. Highway 71 as a scenic parkway route.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created the Northwest Arkansas Parkway Advisory Committee which shall be composed of one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, one member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and seven interested residents of the Third Congressional District to be appointed by the Governor. The Committee shall select one of its own number to serve as chairman.

SECTION 3. The Northwest Arkansas Parkway Advisory Committee shall make a study of the feasibility of designating and developing U.S. Highway 71 in northwest Arkansas as a scenic parkway. In conducting the study, the Committee shall solicit the advice and assistance of the Arkansas Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission, the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission, the Arkansas Highway Commission, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, local chambers of commerce and other interested organizations, groups and individuals. The Committee shall complete its study and report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation on or before October 1, 1988, at which time the Committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 4. The Committee may meet at such times and at such locations in the Third Congressional District as it shall deem appropriate. The Committee is authorized to accept gifts, grants and donations to be used for conducting the study provided for herein and for defraying expenses of members of the Committee for attending meetings and other business of the Committee.

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