

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF ACT 330 OF 1955, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TRAVEL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAVEL COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Act 330 of 1955, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes Section 9-207, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. The Commission shall from time to time select from its membership a chairman and vice-chairman. The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism, hereinafter provided for, shall be ex officio secretary of the Commission but shall have no vote on matters coming before it. The Commission shall adopt, and may modify, rules for the conduct of its business, and shall keep a record of its transactions, findings and determinations, which record shall be public. Meetings shall be at the call of the chairman, either at his own instance or upon the written request of at least seven (7) members. A quorum shall consist of not less than seven (7) members present at any regular or special meeting, and a majority affirmative vote of such number shall be necessary for the disposition of any business.

Members of the Commission shall not receive compensation for their services, but with respect to attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Commission shall be entitled, as reimbursement, per diem for each day or part thereof the Commission is in session, equal to the maximum daily allowance for meals and lodging paid to a state employee for in-state travel now or hereafter provided for by law, plus mileage at the rate per mile now or hereafter provided for by law for the reimbursement of mileage expense for a state employee for travel from his home to the place of the meeting and return."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.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 1076 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 13, 1987

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