

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

# **A Bill**

**ACT 231 OF 1993**  
**HOUSE BILL 1197**

4 **By: Representatives Maddox and Holland**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 14-272-101 AND 14-272-  
9 102 TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP OF THE RURAL FIRE  
10 DEPARTMENTS STUDY COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE  
11 OF 1987, ANNOTATED TO ADD A NEW SECTION ARKANSAS CODE §  
12 14-272-104 TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A  
13 BIENNIAL REPORT ON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES. "

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### **Subtitle**

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**"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP OF  
THE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS STUDY COMMISSION  
AND REQUIRE A BIENNIAL REPORT ON RURAL FIRE  
SERVICES."**

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

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24 **SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-272-101 is hereby amended to read as follows:**  
25 **"14-272-101. Creation.**

26 **(a) There is hereby created the Rural Fire Departments Study Commission to be**  
27 **composed of fifteen (15) members to be appointed in the manner and to represent various**  
28 **interests as follows:**

29 **(1) Three (3) members of the Insurance and Commerce Committee, one (1) to**  
30 **be a Senator and two (2) to be Representatives to be appointed by the chairmen of the**  
31 **Insurance and Commerce Committee;**

32 **(2) Three (3) members of the City, County and Local Affairs Committee, one**  
33 **(1) to be a Senator and two (2) to be Representatives to be appointed by the chairmen of the**  
34 **City, County and Local Affairs Committee;**

35 **(3) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the**  
36 **Speaker of the House;**

1                   **(4) One (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro**  
2 **Tempore of the Senate;**

3                   **(5) One (1) member representing Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation to be**  
4 **recommended by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and appointed by the Speaker of the**  
5 **House;**

6                   **(6) One (1) member representing the Independent Insurance Agents of**  
7 **Arkansas to be recommended by the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas and**  
8 **appointed by the Speaker of the House;**

9                   **(7) One (1) member representing the County Judges Association to be**  
10 **recommended by the County Judges Association and appointed by the Speaker of the House;**

11                   **(8) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Rural Firefighters**  
12 **Association to be recommended by the Arkansas Rural Firefighters Association and appointed**  
13 **by the Speaker of the House;**

14                   **(9) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Council of Professional**  
15 **Firefighters to be recommended by the Arkansas Council of Professional Firefighters and**  
16 **appointed by the Speaker of the House;**

17                   **(10) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Municipal League to be**  
18 **recommended by the Arkansas Municipal League and appointed by the Speaker of the House.**

19                   **(b) The Speaker of the House shall select one (1) of the Representatives as**  
20 **cochairman, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall select one (1) of the Senators**  
21 **as cochairman.**

22                   **(c) Members of the commission shall continue to serve on the commission, until he or**  
23 **she no longer wishes to serve or no longer qualifies to represent or is a member of the**  
24 **committee, body, or organization which he or she was appointed to represent. Any vacancy on**  
25 **the commission shall be filled by the original appointing authority with another qualifying**  
26 **member of the committee, body, or organization."**

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28                   **SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-272-102 is hereby amended to read as follows:**  
29 **"14-272-102. Members - Compensation.**

30                   **(a) Members of the commission, other than the legislative members, shall serve**  
31 **without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses and travel in the maximum**  
32 **amounts prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration for state employees.**

33                   **(b) Legislative members of the commission shall be entitled to per diem and mileage at**  
34 **the same rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of joint interim committees of the**  
35 **General Assembly. Legislative members of the commission may receive payment for per diem**

1 **and mileage from appropriated funds for the joint interim committees which they represent,**  
2 **for the joint interim committees on which they serve, or from appropriated funds for travel and**  
3 **expenses for the house of the General Assembly in which they serve."**

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5 **SECTION 3. Subchapter 1 of Title 14, Chapter 272 of the Arkansas Code of 1987,**  
6 **Annotated, is hereby amended to add a new Section to read as follows:**

7 **"14-272-104. Biennial reports. The commission shall submit a biennial report and its**  
8 **recommendations for any proposed legislation to the Joint Interim Committee on Insurance**  
9 **and Commerce and the Joint Interim Committee on City, County and Local Affairs of the**  
10 **Arkansas General Assembly on or before September 1, of each even numbered year."**

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12 **SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature are**  
13 **amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision**  
14 **Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.**

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16 **SECTION 5. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or**  
17 **circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of**  
18 **the act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end**  
19 **the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.**

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21 **SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.**

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23 **APPROVED: 2/25/93**

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