

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

# A Bill

**ACT 719 OF 1993**  
**HOUSE BILL 1795**

4 **By: Representative Doug Wood**

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

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 20-81-103 REGARDING THE  
9 QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS\_ AFFAIRS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

14 "AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT  
15 OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS\_ AFFAIRS."

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

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19 SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of Arkansas Code § 20-81-103 is hereby  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 "(a) The Governor is authorized to appoint a qualified Director of the  
22 Department of Veterans' Affairs who shall have served in the armed forces of  
23 the United States of America during armed conflict as set forth by the United  
24 States Congress, who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who shall  
25 have been a resident of the State of Arkansas for ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years  
26 preceding his appointment."

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28 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
29 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
30 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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32 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
35 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
36 act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Arkansas law specifies the qualification for the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs; that three (3) years residency is presently required to qualify for appointment as Director; that such a long period of time for residency precludes many qualified people from being eligible for appointment to this important position, and that the qualifications should be changed immediately. 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: 3/25/93

