

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997
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A Bill

ACT 968 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 2039

5 By: Representative Wilkins
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT AMENDING ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 25-24-101 TO ADD
10 ONE MEMBER TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

13 "AMENDING A.C.A. § 25-24-101 TO ADD ONE
14 MEMBER TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
15 COMMISSION."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-24-101 is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "25-24-101. Creation - Members.

23 (a) There is hereby created a commission to be known as the Martin
24 Luther King, Jr. Commission.

25 (b) The commission shall consist of ~~twenty-five (25)~~ twenty-six (26)
26 members:

27 (1) A representative of the Governor's Office, to be appointed by
28 the Governor and to serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

29 (2) Four (4) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the
30 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, no more than two (2) of whom shall be
31 from the same political party;

32 (3) Four (4) members of the House of Representatives, to be
33 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than two (2)
34 of whom shall be from the same political party;

35 (4) ~~Twelve (12)~~ (Thirteen (13)) members of the general public, to
36 be appointed by the Governor, who shall be residents of the state, shall

1 represent the various geographical areas of the state and various civic,
 2 social, religious, educational, labor, business, and artistic organizations,
 3 and shall be committed to resolving conflict and to upholding the humanitarian
 4 philosophy of Dr. King; and

5 (5) Four (4) members of the general public, to be appointed by
 6 the Governor, who shall be residents of the state between the ages of sixteen
 7 (16) and nineteen (19), no more than one (1) of whom shall reside in the same
 8 congressional district.

9 (c)(1) Legislative members shall serve during the legislative term in
 10 which the appointment is made.

11 (2) Members representing the general public shall serve for a
 12 term of three (3) years.

13 (3) No member of the commission shall serve more than two (2)
 14 consecutive terms.

15 (4) Vacancies in the membership shall be filled for the balance
 16 of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointments were
 17 made.

18 (d)(1) The Governor shall designate ~~two (2) cochair~~ one (1) cochair of
 19 the commission from the general public membership.

20 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
 21 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall jointly designate one (1) cochair of the
 22 commission from the General Assembly.

23 (e) Members of the commission shall be subject to removal from office
 24 by the cochairs when the actions or condition of a member shall be considered
 25 as sufficient cause for removal.

26 ~~——(e)~~(f) A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
 27 transaction of business.

28 ~~——(f)~~(g) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but,
 29 to the extent moneys are appropriated therefor, shall be eligible to receive
 30 reimbursement for mileage and other expenses actually incurred in the
 31 performance of their duties in accordance with the rates and standards for
 32 reimbursement to state employees."

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34 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
 35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 36 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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