

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

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# A Bill

**Act 314 of 2001**  
HOUSE BILL 1493

5 By: Representative Adams  
6 By: Senator Faris  
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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OUACHI TA RIVER COMMI SSION; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OUACHI TA RI VER  
15 COMMI SSION.  
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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 15-23-803 is amended to read as follows:

21 15-23-803. Ouachi ta Ri ver Commi ssi on created - Powers and duties.

22 There is created and established the Ouachi ta Ri ver Commi ssi on with the  
23 following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

24 (1) To cooperate with the appropriate state and federal agencies  
25 for the study, planning, and implementation of needed improvements or  
26 projects, or both, to and along the main stem of the Ouachi ta Ri ver in Dallas,  
27 Hot Spring, Clark, Ouachi ta, Cal houn, Uni on, Bradley, and Ashl ey Counti es,  
28 Arkansas;

29 (2) To review, study, and examine any plan by the State of  
30 Arkansas or the federal government or any agency thereof for the improvement  
31 of the main stem of the Ouachi ta Ri ver in Arkansas and to ascertain the nature  
32 and purpose of the improvement, the benefits to be expected therefrom, and the  
33 necessity, feasibility, and estimated cost thereof;

34 (3) To determine the local, nonfederal costs necessary for the  
35 construction, operation, and maintenance of any Ouachi ta Ri ver improvement  
36 project, including, but not limited to, port and terminal facilities along and

1 upon the main stem thereof; and

2 (4) To delineate the area to be benefited by improvement of the  
3 main stem of the Ouachita River.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 15-23-804(a), concerning the membership of the  
6 Ouachita River Commission, is amended to read as follows:

7 (a)(1) The Ouachita River Commission shall be composed of ~~seven (7)~~  
8 nine (9) members.

9 (2) The members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

10 (A) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Clark County;

11 (B) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Ouachita  
12 County;

13 (C) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Calhoun  
14 County;

15 (D) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Union County;

16 (E) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Bradley  
17 County;

18 (F) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Ashley County;

19 ~~and~~

20 (G) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Hot Spring  
21 County;

22 (H) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Dallas County;  
23 and

24 ~~(G)(I)~~ One (1) who is the highest ranking official of the  
25 Ouachita River Valley Association and who is a resident of Arkansas.

26 (3) The Governor's appointment shall be with the advice and  
27 consent of the Senate.

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