

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 1282 of 2003  
SENATE BILL 182

5 By: Senator Bisbee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PRECLUDE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS  
10 COMMISSION FROM HEARING CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE  
11 MILITARY DEPARTMENT OR THE ARKANSAS MILITIA BASED  
12 ON PERFORMANCE OF A CLAIMANT'S MILITARY DUTY; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 THE ARKANSAS MILITIA BASED ON  
19 PERFORMANCE OF A CLAIMANT'S MILITARY  
20 DUTY.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-10-204, is amended to read as follows:  
27 19-10-204. Jurisdiction.

28 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Arkansas State Claims  
29 Commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all claims against the  
30 State of Arkansas and its several agencies, departments, and institutions but  
31 shall have no jurisdiction of claims against municipalities, counties, school  
32 districts, or any other political subdivisions of the state.

33 (b)(1)(A)(i) The commission shall have no jurisdiction of, or  
34 authority with respect to, claims arising under the Workers' Compensation  
35 Law, § 11-9-101 et seq., the Arkansas Employment Security Law, § 11-10-101 et  
36 seq., the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Act, § 24-7-201 et seq., the



1 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Act, § 24-4-101 et seq., the  
2 State Police Retirement System Act, § 24-6-201 et seq., or under laws  
3 providing for old age assistance grants, child welfare grants, blind  
4 pensions, or any laws of a similar nature.

5 (ii) Additionally, the commission shall have no  
6 jurisdiction over claims against the state for repayment of child support,  
7 except in cases where the underlying support order is set aside as void ab  
8 initio by the court and the child support paid was retained by the state as  
9 reimbursement for public assistance paid on behalf of a child.

10 (iii) The commission shall have no jurisdiction over  
11 a claim by a member of the uniformed armed services against the State  
12 Military Department, the State Militia, or any subdivision thereof, if the  
13 claim arises out of the performance of the claimant's military duty.

14 (B) Claims solely addressing the receipting, processing,  
15 and reissuance of child support payments through the Arkansas Child Support  
16 Clearinghouse shall remain within the jurisdiction of the commission.

17 (2)(A) The commission shall have jurisdiction only over those  
18 claims which are barred by the doctrine of sovereign immunity from being  
19 litigated in a court of general jurisdiction.

20 (B) The commission shall have no jurisdiction over claims  
21 for state tax refunds under § 26-18-507, claims challenging tax assessments  
22 under § 26-18-406, and claims challenging tax laws under Arkansas  
23 Constitution, Art. 16, § 13.

24 (3)(A) The commission shall make no award for any claim which,  
25 as a matter of law, would be dismissed from a court of law or equity for  
26 reasons other than sovereign immunity.

27 (B) Specifically, if the facts of a given claim would  
28 cause the claim to be dismissed as a matter of law from a court of general  
29 jurisdiction, then the commission shall make no award on the claim.

30 (c) The commission shall have jurisdiction over actions to contest  
31 eligibility, qualification, or election to serve as a member of the House of  
32 Representatives of the General Assembly, for the purpose of making a  
33 nonbinding recommendation thereon to that chamber of the General Assembly.

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35 /s/ Bisbee

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