

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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1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1796

5 By: Representative Allen
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
10 COMMISSION; TO STUDY THE NEEDS AND IMPACTS OF
11 VARIOUS FORMS OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ON THE
12 ECONOMIC FUTURE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS
16 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 10 is amended to add an*
23 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

24 *15-10-801. Arkansas Alternative Energy Commission.*

25 *(a) There is created the Arkansas Alternative Energy Commission.*

26 *(b) The commission shall consist of fifteen (15) diverse members*
27 *appointed as follows:*

28 *(1) Five (5) members appointed by the Governor as follows:*

29 *(A) Two (2) members to represent utility companies that*
30 *are concerned with alternative energy development; and*

31 *(B) Three (3) members who are consumers concerned with*
32 *alternative energy development;*

33 *(2) Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of*
34 *Representatives as follows:*

35 *(A) Two (2) members to represent utility companies that*



1 are concerned with alternative energy development; and

2 (B) Three (3) members who are consumers concerned with
3 alternative energy development; and

4 (3) Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
5 the Senate as follows:

6 (A) Two (2) members to represent utility companies that
7 are concerned with alternative energy development; and

8 (B) Three (3) members who are consumers concerned with
9 alternative energy development.

10 (c)(1) The Governor shall appoint a chair for the commission.

11 (2) The chair shall call the first meeting of the commission
12 within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.

13 (d)(1) A majority of the membership of the commission shall constitute
14 a quorum.

15 (2) A majority vote of those members present shall be required
16 for any action of the commission.

17 (e) The commission shall meet at least one (1) time every three (3)
18 months, but may meet more often at the call of the chair.

19 (f) A vacancy arising in the membership of the commission for any
20 reason other than expiration of the regular terms for which the members were
21 appointed shall be filled by appointment by the person or persons who
22 appointed the vacating member.

23 (g)(1) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the
24 commission.

25 (2) The commission shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County
26 at the State Capitol or at other locations that the commission considers
27 appropriate.

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29 15-10-802. Duties.

30 The Arkansas Alternative Energy Commission shall study:

31 (1) The feasibility of creating or expanding alternative energy
32 sources in Arkansas, including without limitation:

33 (A)(i) Bioenergy, including without limitation energy from
34 biomass.

35 (ii) As used in this subdivision (1)(A):

36 (a) "Biomass" includes agricultural waste,

1 wood waste, poultry litter, and animal waste; and

2 (b) "Poultry litter" means poultry manure
3 combined with wood shavings, straw, rice hulls, and other bedding material;

4 (B) Ethanol;

5 (C) Solar power;

6 (D) Energy derived from animal waste;

7 (E) Wind power; and

8 (F) Other energy sources identified by the commission;

9 (2) The effects of the use of alternative energy sources on the
10 economic development of the state; and

11 (3) Other issues related to alternative energy production and
12 use and the economic impact of alternative energy that the commission
13 considers appropriate.

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17 /s/ Allen

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19 APPROVED: 4/9/2009