A Bill

FOR AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT
OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS SET OUT
IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 42; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE
HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS SET OUT IN ARKANSAS
CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 42.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, which creates the State
Highway Commission and prescribes the qualifications and manner of
appointment of members of the commission, provides that the commission be
composed of five (5) members to be appointed from the state at large and that
no two (2) commissioners be appointed from a single congressional district; and

WHEREAS, the congressional districts in the state have been subject to
redistricting since the enactment of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the requirement under Arkansas Constitution,
Amendment 42, that no two (2) members be appointed from a single
congressional district was to assure equal representation on the commission
of all parts of the state; and


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WHEREAS, to accomplish the intent of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, concerning the appointment of the commission members, it is necessary that the General Assembly enact legislation to clarify the residency requirements for persons appointed to the commission,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-65-104(a), concerning the members appointed to the State Highway Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(a) All appointments to the State Highway Commission shall be based upon the four (4) congressional districts as defined on July 20, 1979.

All appointments to the commission State Highway Commission shall be made so as to assure that, at the earliest possible date, the commission shall be composed of:

(1) one (1) member from each of the four (4) congressional districts as the districts exist at the time of a member's appointment; and

(2) one (1) member from the state at large.

/s/B. Sample

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