State of Arkansas
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By: Senators T. Garner, Teague
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 5

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL STATE KNIFE; TO
DESIGNATE THE BOWIE KNIFE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE
KNIFE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO DESIGNATE THE BOWIE KNIFE AS THE
OFFICIAL STATE KNIFE.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.
   (a) The General Assembly finds that the:
       (1) Bowie knife has played an important part in Arkansas history;
       (2) Bowie knife was known as early as 1835 as an “Arkansas Toothpick”;
       (3) Bowie knife was used in Arkansas in 1836 when Arkansas was admitted to the union;
       (4) Bowie knife is regarded as Arkansas’s most famous weapon; and
       (5) Bowie knife continues to be produced by artisans for use by outdoorsmen and hunters in the state.
   (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to recognize the
       significance of the Bowie knife in the history of Arkansas.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

1-4-134. State knife.

The Bowie knife is designated the official knife of the State of Arkansas.

APPROVED: 3/19/19