Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 562 of the Regular Session

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2	95th General Assembly A Bill	
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5	By: Representative Beaty Jr.	
6	By: Senator B. Johnson	
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS FAIR	
10	HOUSING COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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13	Subtitle	
14	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS	
15	FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION.	
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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19	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-123-303 is amended to read as follows:	, •
20	16-123-303. Creation - Members.	
21	(a) There is created the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission, which sha	<u>111</u>
22	consist of seven (7) members.	
23	(b) The seven (7) members of the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission	
24	shall be selected as follows:	_
25	(1) Five (5) members with knowledge or experience in the field	ls
26	of real estate, homebuilding, mortgage lending, banking, or other related	
27	fields, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate;	
28	(2) One (1) member who has demonstrated active involvement or	
29	interest in fair housing issues, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of	
30	the Senate; and	
31	(3) One (1) member who has demonstrated active involvement or	
32	interest in fair housing issues, appointed by the Speaker of the House of	
33 24	<u>Representatives</u> .	
34 35	(b)(1) The Arkansas Fair Housing Commission shall consist of thirtee (13) voting members, to be selected as follows: Seven (7) appointed by the	;11
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1	Speaker of the House of Representatives, and three (3) appointed by the
2	President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as set forth in this subchapter, for
3	terms of four (4) years whose terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31
4	of the fourth year or when their respective successors are appointed and
5	qualified.
6	(2)(A)(i) One (1) member shall have been a licensed real estate
7	broker or licensed real estate salesperson engaged in the practice of
8	residential real estate sales for not fewer than five (5) years prior to his
9	or her appointment.
10	(ii) One (1) member shall have been a licensed real
11	estate broker or licensed real estate salesperson engaged in the practice of
12	multifamily real estate property management for no fewer than five (5) years
13	prior to his or her appointment.
14	(iii) One (1) member shall have been a licensed real
15	estate broker or licensed real estate salesperson engaged in the practice of
16	real estate for no fewer than five (5) years prior to his or her appointment.
17	(B) The Governor shall appoint members to fill vacancies
18	under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section after consulting the Arkansas
19	Realtors Association, subject to confirmation by the Senate.
20	(3)(A) One (1) member shall have been a licensed homebuilder
21	engaged in the homebuilding business for not fewer than five (5) years.
22	(B) The Governor shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy
23	for the member to represent subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section after
24	consulting the Arkansas Home Builders Association and subject to confirmation
25	by the Senate.
26	(4)(A) One (1) member shall have been a mortgage broker employed
27	for not fewer than five (5) years by a registered mortgage loan company or
28	loan broker.
29	(B) The Governor shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy
30	for the member to represent subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section after
31	consulting the Mortgage Bankers Association of Arkansas and subject to
32	confirmation by the Senate.
33	(5)(A) One (1) member shall have been a banker engaged in the
34	banking business for not fewer than five (5) years.
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1	consulting Arkansas Community Bankers and the Arkansas Bankers Association
2	and subject to confirmation by the Senate.
3	(6)(A)(i) Seven (7) members shall represent consumers and shall
4	not be actively engaged in or retired from the business of real estate,
5	homebuilding, mortgage lending, or banking, including one (1) member who
6	shall be appointed by the Governor to represent persons meeting the
7	definition of individuals with a disability in this subchapter after
8	consulting the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities and subject
9	to confirmation by the Senate.
10	(ii) Three (3) of the members to be appointed
11	pursuant to subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i) of this section shall be appointed by
12	the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one (1) member who shall be a
13	fair housing attorney or advocate with at least five (5) years of experience
14	in advocacy for fair housing issues.
15	(iii) Three (3) of the members to be appointed
16	pursuant to subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i) of this section shall be appointed by
17	the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one (1) member of whom shall be
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1	(A) The three (3) members appointed by the President Pro
2	Tempore of the Senate shall be from the First Congressional District and the
3	Second Congressional District and the three (3) members appointed by the
4	Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be from the Third Congressional
5	District and the Fourth Congressional District;
6	(B) At the next time for appointments, the three (3)
7	members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be from
8	the Third Congressional District and the Fourth Congressional District and
9	the three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10	Representatives shall be from the First Congressional District and the Second
11	Congressional District; and
12	(C) Future appointments shall alternate between the
13	requirements of subdivisions (d)(2)(A) and (B) of this section.
14	(e)(g) The Arkansas Fair Housing Commission shall elect a chair from
15	its membership.
16	(f)(h) The Arkansas Fair Housing Commission shall meet at least
17	quarterly.
18	(g)(l) The members of the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission shall serve
19	four-year terms, except that the initial appointees shall serve staggered
20	terms determined by a procedure established by the Arkansas Fair Housing
21	Commission so that six (6) serve a two-year term and seven (7) serve a four-
22	year term.
23	(2) No member may serve more than two (2) four-year terms.
24	(h)(i) Each commissioner may receive expense reimbursement and
25	stipends in accordance with § 25-16-905.
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27	SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. <u>Changes in membership.</u>
28	(a)(1) Upon the effective date of this act, the existing members of
29	the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission shall continue to serve and shall
30	exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Arkansas Fair Housing
31	Commission until the expiration of the members' terms.
32	(2) This act shall not shorten the term of any current member of
33	the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission.
34	(b) The new membership requirements shall be implemented as the terms
35	expire and by filing vacancies in the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission.
36	(c) If the terms of all existing members of the Arkansas Fair Housing

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1	Commission have expired on or before the effective date of this act, the
2	appointing authorities shall appoint new members of the Arkansas Fair Housing
3	Commission in compliance with this act.
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