

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ACT 462 OF 1949 AS AMENDED, [ARK. STATS. 13-1402] TO PERMIT THE STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION TO MEET AT THE STATE CAPITOL OR ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE IF THE COMMISSION DEEMS SUCH A HEARING RELATIVE TO BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act 462 of 1949 as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 13-1402, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Except as otherwise provided by law, the State Claims Commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all claims against the State of Arkansas and its several agencies, departments and institutions, but shall have no jurisdiction of claims against municipalities, counties, school districts or any other political subdivisions of the State. The Commission shall have no jurisdiction of or authority with respect to claims arising under the Worker's Compensation Act, Teacher Retirement Act, Public Employees Retirement Act, State Police Retirement or under laws providing for old age assistance grants, child welfare grants, blind pensions or any laws of a similar nature.

The Commission shall have the power to make and, from time to time, alter or amend all rules and regulations governing the procedure before it which may be deemed necessary and expedient for the orderly discharge of its duties and which shall not be inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act or other laws.

The Commission shall meet at such time and place as may be designated by the Chairman or the Director of the Commission. General meetings of the Commission for the purpose of hearing testimony and taking evidence will be held each month unless scheduled differently by the Commission Chairman or Commission Director.

The Commission may, at its discretion, hold special meetings of the Commission upon request by the interested parties. The Commission shall traditionally meet in Little Rock at the State Capitol but may conduct hearings elsewhere in the State if the Commission deems such a hearing relative to business before the Commission.

A majority of the Commissioners shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of two (2) members of the Commission shall be necessary for the allowance or disallowance of any claims. A vacancy shall not impair the right of the remaining two (2) members to exercise all powers of the full Commission."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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