

"AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ACT 311 OF 1975, THE SAME BEING ARK. STAT. 82-3301 ET SEQ., TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSION TO SELECT A SECRETARY TO ACT AS THE DISBURSING OFFICER; TO REPEAL SECTION 6 OF ACT 311 OF 1975; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act 311 of 1975, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-3302, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. (a) There is hereby established a State Spinal Cord Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the Commission," to consist of five (5) members to be appointed by the Governor from the State at-large. The members of said Commission shall be either spinal cord injured victims themselves or members of the immediate families of spinal cord injured victims, or who are persons with special knowledge of and experience with spinal cord injuries and dysfunctions and who have demonstrated active involvement and interest in the fight against death and disability due to spinal cord injury and dysfunction.

(b) Of the initial members appointed to the Commission, the Governor shall designate their respective terms in order that the term of one (1) member shall expire on January 14, 1979, and the term of one (1) additional member shall expire on January 14 each two (2) years thereafter.

(c) All appointed members of the Commission shall be confirmed by the Senate as provided by law.

(d) Members of the Commission shall serve until their successors are appointed and confirmed. In the event a vacancy occurs on the Commission due to death, resignation, or other cause, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Governor of a person eligible for the initial appointment as hereinabove set forth, to serve for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term of such member.

(e) The Commission may, from time to time, create advisory committees as are deemed necessary to assist the Commission in formulating policies, effectuating and reviewing operating procedures, and for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate. The members of such advisory committees shall serve without pay, but the Commission may, if sufficient funds are available therefor, reimburse members of said advisory committees for actual and necessary expenses in attending advisory committee meetings."

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Act 311 of 1975, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-3303, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. (a) The Commission shall annually elect one (1) of its members as Chairman and one (1) of its members as Vice Chairman, and such other officers as the Commission deems necessary.

(b) The Commission shall select a disbursing officer of funds appropriated to the Commission. All such expenditures shall be approved by the Chairman of the Commission prior to their disbursement.

(c) The Commission shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and at such other times as may be designated by the Commission's rules, or upon call by the Chairman or by the written request of any four (4) members.

(d) Members of the Commission shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed from Commission funds, if available, for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in attending to Commission business, in the same manner and in accordance with the same conditions, restrictions, and limitations as are

applicable to employees of the State.

(e) Members of the Commission shall qualify by taking the oath of office as prescribed by law."

SECTION 3. Section 6 of Act 311 of 1975, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-3306, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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