1 State of Arkansas

2 80th General Assembly

A Bill

ACT 64 OF 1995

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SENATE BILL 93

4 By: Senators Snyder, D. Malone, Todd, Bookout and Bradford

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION ON LIBRARY LAWS; AND FOR

9 OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

12 "AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION ON

13 LIBRARY LAWS."

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

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17 SECTION 1. (a) A Commission on Library Laws is created and shall be

18 composed of seventeen (17) members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

19 (1) Five (5) shall be library directors, one from each of the

20 state's five (5) library development districts;

21 (2) Four (4) shall be citizens who are interested in and

22 knowledgeable about library services;

23 (3) Two (2) shall be representatives of municipal government;

24 (4) Two (2) shall be representatives of county government;

25 (5) One (1) shall be the state librarian or designee;

26 (6) One (1) shall be a trustee from a library or library system

27 that serves more than fifty thousand (50,000) people;

28 (7) One (1) shall be a trustee from a library or library system

29 that serves less than fifty thousand (50,000) people;

30 (8) One (1) shall be an attorney who is knowledgeable about

31 municipal and county law.

32 (b) The governor shall make the appointments and select the

33 chairperson from the commission membership no later than January 1, 1996.

34 (c) The Commission shall hold its first meeting during January, 1996 at

35 a time and place designated by the chairperson. Subsequent meetings will be

36 held at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of five (5)

1 members of the commission.

2   (d)   The Governor may remove any commission member for incapacity,
3 incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.

4   (e)   The Governor shall fill any vacancy from a list of at least two (2)
5 qualified candidates submitted within fifteen (15) days of the vacancy by the
6 commission. The Governor shall make the appointment within fifteen (15) days
7 after the commission has submitted the candidates' names.

8   (f)   The members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed
9 to the extent monies are available for actual and necessary expenses incurred
10 in the performance of their duties.

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12   SECTION 2. (a) The Commission on Library Laws shall study existing
13 laws of the state that affect the operation and development of public and
14 regional libraries for the purpose of developing a Model Library Law. The
15 Model Library Law shall define the relationship of the library to the
16 municipality and county in which it is located and may also address any other
17 aspect of law that the commission deems appropriate for the future development
18 of effective library services in this state.

19   (b)   The Commission on Library Laws shall hold public hearings, may hire
20 staff and consultants as monies are available, and may solicit, accept, retain
21 and administer gifts, grants or donations of money, services or property.

22   (c)   The Commission shall report its findings and make its
23 recommendations to the Governor and the Bureau of Legislative Research by
24 January 1, 1997.

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26   SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
27 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
28 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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30   SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
31 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
32 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
33 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
34 act are declared to be severable.

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1   SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

2 hereby repealed.

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4   APPROVED: 1/26/95

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