State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: H2/4/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly Act 149 of 1999 3 Regular Session, 1999 HOUSE BILL 1354 4 5 By: Representatives Glover, Files, Morris, Womack, Bledsoe 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 12-8-102 TO PROVIDE 9 FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION TO 10 BE APPOINTED FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS; AND FOR 11 12 OTHER PURPOSES. " 13 Subtitle 14 "TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS 15 16 STATE POLICE COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS." 17 18 19 20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 21 22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-8-102 is amended to read as follows: "12-8-102. Commission created - Members - Meetings - Elective office. 23 (a) The Arkansas State Police Commission is created and established. 24 (b) The commission shall be composed of seven (7) members to be 25 26 appointed by the Governor for terms of seven (7) years, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Four members shall be appointed from each of the 27 four (4) congressional districts, and three (3) shall be appointed from the 28 29 state at large. However, no more than two (2) members shall be appointed from any congressional district. The members of the commission in office on the 30 effective date of this act shall continue to serve their regular terms. As 31 terms expire and vacancies occur, appointments to the commission shall be made 32 in such a manner as to assure the commission members represent the different 33 areas of the state as required by this subsection. 34 (c) However, should a vacancy When vacancies occur in the commission, 35 the Governor may temporarily fill the position consistent with subsection (b) 36

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until the Senate is next in session. All appointments made at any time other than on the day following the expiration of a term shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

- (d) The Arkansas State Police Commission shall meet and organize, electing one (1) member as chairman and one (1) member as secretary.
- (e) The chairman shall have the power to convene the commission at such time as he may deem proper after due notice thereof to all the members of the commission.
- (f) The Arkansas State Police Commission is directed to hold a minimum of one (1) meeting per month.
- (g) Failure of any commissioner to attend three (3) consecutive meetings, except for those absences due to illness of the commissioner, shall constitute cause for removal from office by the Governor.
- (h) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum to transact any business properly brought before it, and not inconsistent with the provisions hereof. A quorum may do and perform other duties as are prescribed herein or that may be necessary for the proper enforcement of this chapter.
- (i) Members of the commission may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.
- (j) No member of the Arkansas State Police Commission shall be eligible to hold or run for any elective office, either state or county, during the time he shall serve as a member of said commission. Any violation of this provision shall constitute cause for removal by the Governor."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

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