1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S2/27/01 A Bill Act 800 of 2001 2 83rd General Assembly SENATE BILL 522 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 By: Senator Hoofman 5 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-74-203 TO PROVIDE FOR 9 A JUDICIAL HEARING DE NOVO FROM AN ADVERSE DECISION OF 10 11 THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION REGARDING THE ERECTION OF AN OUTDOOR SIGN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 12 13 Subtitle 14 15 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-74-203 16 TO PROVIDE FOR A JUDICIAL HEARING DE NOVO FROM AN ADVERSE DECISION OF THE 17 18 STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION REGARDING THE 19 ERECTION OF AN OUTDOOR SIGN. 20 21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 22 23 SECTION 1. Arkansas code 27-74-203 is amended to read as follows: 24 25 27-74-203. Regulation. 26 (a) The erection and maintenance of outdoor advertising signs, 27 displays, and devices in areas six hundred sixty feet (660') in width from the nearest edge of any right-of-way of any interstate, primary, or other state 28 29 highway designated by the State Highway Commission shall be regulated in order 30 to protect the public investment in these highways, to promote the public 31 safety and welfare in the use of these highways, to encourage the recreational 32 value of public travel, and to preserve the natural beauty along these 33 hi ghways. (b) Therefore, no outdoor sign, display, or device shall be erected in 34 35 these areas except as hereinafter provided and in accordance with regulations 36 promulgated by the State Highway Commission, hereinafter called the

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2	(c) Any person whose business or property has been injured by a final
3	adverse decision from the commission shall be entitled to a judicial hearing
4	de novo in the circuit court of any county in which the person resides or does
5	business, or in the Pulaski County Circuit Court, if the interests affected by
6	the decision of the commission are constitutionally or statutorily preserved,
7	or preserved by private agreement, so that their enforcement is a matter of
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