

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2676

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5 By: Representative Allen
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BLACK HISTORY COMMISSION
10 OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO ESTABLISH THE BLACK HISTORY
14 COMMISSION OF ARKANSAS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 13-3-201 is amended to read as follows:*
20 *13-3-201. Purpose.*

21 *The ~~Arkansas Black History Advisory Committee~~ Black History Commission*
22 *of Arkansas is created and established at the seat of government of this*
23 *state for the purpose of:*

24 *(1) Advising the Arkansas History Commission with respect to*
25 *gathering, developing, and keeping the history of a segment of Arkansas*
26 *society whose history has been overlooked and forgotten and has been simply*
27 *neglected because of a lack of concern;*

28 *(2) Collecting materials bearing on the history of black Arkansans*
29 *from the earliest times;*

30 *(3) Encouraging historical work and research in the background of*
31 *black Arkansans to help the young citizens of the state to appreciate their*
32 *heritage; and*

33 *(4) Performing work in relation to the history of black Arkansans.*
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35 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 13-3-202 is amended to read as follows:*



1 13-3-202. Members.

2 (a) ~~The Arkansas Black History Advisory Committee~~ Black History
3 Commission of Arkansas shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be
4 residents and electors of this state. The members shall be appointed by the
5 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

6 (b) The term of office of each member of the ~~committee~~ commission
7 shall commence on January 15 following the expiration date of his
8 predecessor's term and shall end on January 14 of the seventh year following
9 the year in which the term commenced.

10 (c) The membership of the ~~committee~~ commission shall be made up of
11 persons who are citizens of the state at large and who have demonstrated an
12 interest in the collection, recordation, preservation, and development of the
13 history of black Arkansans.

14 (d) Any vacancies arising in the membership of the ~~committee~~
15 commission for any reason other than expiration of the regular terms for
16 which the members were appointed shall be filled by appointment by the
17 Governor, and to be thereafter effective until the expiration of the regular
18 terms, subject, however, to the confirmation of the Senate when it is next in
19 session.

20 (e) The ~~committee~~ commission shall select from its membership a chair
21 and a vicechair.

22 (f) Members of the ~~committee~~ commission may receive expense
23 reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

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25 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 13-3-203 is amended to read as follows:

26 13-3-203. Meetings - Rules and bylaws - Secretary.

27 (a) ~~The Arkansas Black History Advisory Committee~~ Black History
28 Commission of Arkansas shall meet at such times and places as in each
29 instance may suit the ~~committee's~~ commission's convenience and its purposes,
30 and all meetings shall be open to the public.

31 (b)(1) The ~~committee~~ commission shall adopt and may modify rules and
32 bylaws for the conduct of its business, subject to the approval of the
33 Arkansas History Commission.

34 (2) The ~~committee~~ commission shall keep a record of its
35 transactions, findings, and determinations, which record shall be public.

36 (c) The rules shall provide for regular meetings and for special

1 meetings at the call of the chair or, in his or her absence or incapacity,
2 the vicechair, or upon written request of at least four (4) members.

3 (d) The State Historian shall be ex officio secretary of the ~~committee~~
4 commission, but shall have no vote on matters coming before it.

5 (e) A quorum of the ~~committee~~ commission shall consist of not less
6 than four (4) members present at any regular or special meeting. The
7 affirmative vote of that number shall be necessary for the disposition of any
8 business.

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10 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 13-3-204(a), concerning the committee's
11 duties, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) It shall be the function, power, and duty of the ~~Arkansas Black~~
13 ~~History Advisory Committee~~ Black History Commission of Arkansas to assist the
14 Arkansas History Commission to:

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16 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 13-3-205 is amended to read as follows:

17 13-3-205. State Historian's duties - Location of ~~committee~~ commission.

18 (a)(1) The State Historian shall assist the ~~Arkansas Black History~~
19 ~~Advisory Committee~~ Black History Commission of Arkansas in the performance of
20 its duties and shall be the custodian of all property and reference and
21 source materials of the ~~committee~~ commission.

22 (2) The State Historian shall be charged with the duty of
23 administering this subchapter.

24 (b) The offices of the ~~committee~~ commission and the archives of its
25 records shall be located with those of the Arkansas History Commission.

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27 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 13-3-205 is amended to read as follows:

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30 ~~Advisory Committee~~ Black History Commission of Arkansas in the performance of
31 its duties and shall be the custodian of all property and reference and
32 source materials of the committee.

33 (2) The State Historian shall be charged with the duty of
34 administering this subchapter.

35 (b) The offices of the ~~committee~~ commission and the archives of its
36 records shall be located with those of the Arkansas History Commission.

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SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 13-3-206(a), concerning cooperation in developing Arkansas history courses, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~The Arkansas Black History Advisory Committee~~ Black History Commission of Arkansas and the ~~Director of General Education~~ the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee shall cooperate with each other to develop the materials for a program of historical contributions by the black race in Arkansas for inclusion in the curriculum segment of the Arkansas history required to be instructed in § 6-16-124.

/s/ Allen

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