

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 2677

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

9 AN ACT TO RENAME THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 AN ACT TO RENAME THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT
14 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Department of Economic Development renamed Arkansas
22 Economic Development Commission.

23 (a)(1) The Department of Economic Development, as it is referred to or
24 empowered through the Arkansas Code, is renamed.

25 (2) In its place, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
26 is established, succeeding to the general powers and responsibilities
27 previously assigned to the Department of Economic Development.

28 (3) The Director of the Department of Economic Development shall
29 identify and revise all interagency agreements, financial instruments, funds,
30 and other necessary legal documents in order to effect this change.

31 (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed as impairing the powers and
32 authority of the Department of Economic Development before the effective date
33 of the name change.

34 (c) Appropriations authorized for the personal services and operating
35 expenses of the Department of Economic Development may be utilized for the



1 personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development
2 Commission.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Economic Development Commission renamed Arkansas
5 Economic Development Council.

6 (a)(1) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission, as it is referred
7 to or empowered through the Arkansas Code, is renamed.

8 (2) In its place, the Arkansas Economic Development Council is
9 established, succeeding to the general powers and responsibilities previously
10 assigned to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

11 (3) The Chair of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
12 shall identify and revise all interagency agreements, financial instruments,
13 funds, and other necessary legal documents in order to effect this change.

14 (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed as impairing the powers and
15 authority of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission before the
16 effective date of the name change.

17 (c) Appropriations authorized for the personal services and operating
18 expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may be utilized for
19 the personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic
20 Development Council.

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22 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-4-201 is amended to read as follows:
23 15-4-201. Creation.

24 There is created and established at the seat of government of this
25 state a ~~commission~~ council to be known as the "Arkansas Economic Development
26 ~~Commission~~ Council", hereinafter referred to as the "~~commission~~ council".

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28 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 25-11-101 is amended to read as follows:
29 25-11-101. Creation - Director - Organization - Personnel.

30 (a) There is created a ~~Department of Economic Development~~ the Arkansas
31 Economic Development Commission.

32 (b) The executive head of the department shall be the Director of the
33 ~~Department of Economic Development~~ Arkansas Economic Development Commission.
34 The director shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the
35 Arkansas Economic Development ~~Commission~~ Council and the consent of the
36 Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

1 (c) The ~~department~~ commission shall consist of the divisions which may
2 be necessary to fulfill its purposes and which may be created by law and
3 placed under the ~~department~~ commission.

4 (d) The director, with the advice and consent of the Governor, shall
5 appoint the heads of the respective divisions. All other personnel of the
6 ~~department~~ commission shall be employed by and shall serve at the pleasure of
7 the director. However, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to
8 reduce any right which an employee of the ~~department~~ commission shall have
9 under any civil service or merit system.

10 (e) Each division of the ~~department~~ commission shall be under the
11 direction, control, and supervision of the director. The director may
12 delegate his or her functions, powers, and duties to various divisions of the
13 ~~department~~ commission as he or she shall deem desirable and necessary for the
14 effective and efficient operation of the ~~department~~ commission.

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16 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 25-11-102 is amended to read as follows:

17 25-11-102. Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

18 There is created an Arkansas Economic Development ~~Commission~~ Council,
19 whose membership, authorities, and powers shall be as specified in §§ 15-4-
20 201 - 15-4-204, 15-4-209, 15-4-212, and 15-4-501 - 15-4-525.

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22 SECTION 6. (a) This act shall not be construed as impairing the
23 continued effectiveness of any rules or orders promulgated or issued by the
24 Department of Economic Development or the Arkansas Economic Development
25 Commission before the effective date of this act.

26 (b) This act shall not be construed as extinguishing or otherwise
27 affecting the unexpired terms of any current members of the Arkansas Economic
28 Development Commission.

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30 SECTION 7. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall make all
31 changes in the Arkansas Code necessary to effectuate the intent of this act.

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33 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
34 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act renames the
35 Department of Economic Development and the Arkansas Economic Development
36 Commission and that the ideal time to implement these names changes is at the

1 beginning of the state's fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
2 exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
3 health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2007.

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5 /s/ Dunn

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