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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1049

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PARKS,  
9 RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE  
14 PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-11-202(a), concerning membership of the  
21 State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 (a) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission shall consist  
24 of:

25 (1)(A) Thirteen (13) regular members, of whom at least:

26 (i) One (1) ~~shall be~~ is an active newspaper staff  
27 member, editorial worker, or editor;

28 (ii) One (1) ~~shall be~~ is active in radio or  
29 television broadcasting;

30 (iii) One (1) ~~shall be~~ is active in ~~any a~~ a recognized  
31 news media in the state or in the video service provider industry;

32 (iv) Two (2) whose primary occupation ~~shall embrace~~  
33 is the recreational or travel field ~~of endeavor~~; and

34 (v) One (1) ~~shall be~~ is an historian ~~having with~~  
35 knowledge of Arkansas's historic background.

36 (B)(i) ~~Vacancies~~ The governor shall fill any vacancies



1 occurring on the commission after August 1, 1985, ~~shall be filled by the~~  
 2 ~~Governor in such manner~~ so that at least five (5) of the members of the  
 3 commission ~~shall be~~ are owners or operators of food service, lodging, or  
 4 travel-oriented businesses.

5 (ii) A travel-oriented business includes, ~~but is not~~  
 6 ~~limited to,~~ without limitation boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp  
 7 grounds, tourist resorts, caves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms  
 8 commonly known as tourist attractions.

9 (iii) The Governor also shall assure that at least  
 10 one (1) of the members of the commission is active in the news media in this  
 11 state.

12 (iv) Subdivisions (a)(1)(B)(i)-(iii) of this section  
 13 ~~shall do~~ not cut short the term of any member of the commission serving as  
 14 such on August 1, 1985, but shall be implemented by the filling of vacancies;

15 (2) One (1) member who is sixty (60) years of age or over, who  
 16 shall serve as a representative of the elderly and who ~~shall is not be~~  
 17 actively engaged in or retired from any of the professions ~~set out in~~ under  
 18 subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section; and

19 (3) One (1) or more ~~commissioner emeritus~~ commissioners emeriti  
 20 if designated under § 15-11-203.

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 22 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-11-203 is amended to read as follows:

23 15-11-203. Commissioner emeritus.

24 (a) ~~Any A~~ person who has shall be known and designated as a  
 25 "commissioner emeritus" if he or she:

26 (1) Has served, is now serving, or serves in the future for at  
 27 least twenty-four (24) years as a member ~~for~~ of the State Parks, Recreation,  
 28 and Travel Commission, as established by §§ 15-11-201, 15-11-202, and 15-11-  
 29 204 - 15-11-207, or its predecessor commissions ~~and who has served or serves~~  
 30 ~~twenty four (24) years as a member of the commission or its predecessor~~  
 31 ~~commissions shall be known and designated as a "commissioner emeritus"; and~~

32 (2) Was known and designated as a "commissioner emeritus" under  
 33 this section on or before the effective date of this act.

34 (b) A commissioner emeritus shall serve as a member of the commission  
 35 for the remainder of his or her life ~~and,~~ shall be notified of all commission  
 36 meetings, and is entitled to the same expenses and other allowances for

1 attending commission meetings as is provided by law for other commission  
2 members.

3 ~~(c) The Governor shall cause an appropriate commission to be prepared~~  
4 ~~and issued to each commissioner emeritus of the commission. The commissioner~~  
5 ~~emeritus shall file the commission with the Secretary of State and take the~~  
6 ~~official oath of office before entering upon his or her duties as a~~  
7 ~~commissioner emeritus.~~

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