Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 331 of the Regular Session

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2	92nd General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2019SENATE BILL 71
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5	By: Senator B. Sample
6	By: Representative Maddox
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT
10	OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS SET OUT
11	IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 42; AND FOR OTHER
12	PURPOSES.
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15	Subtitle
16	TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE
17	APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE
18	HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS SET OUT IN ARKANSAS
19	CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 42.
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22	WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, which creates the State
23	Highway Commission and prescribes the qualifications and manner of
24	appointment of members of the commission, provides that the commission be
25	composed of five (5) members to be appointed from the state at large and that
26	no two (2) commissioners be appointed from a single congressional district;
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29	WHEREAS, the congressional districts in the state have been subject to
30	redistricting since the enactment of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42; and
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32	WHEREAS, the intent of the requirement under Arkansas Constitution,
33	Amendment 42, that no two (2) members be appointed from a single
34	congressional district was to assure equal representation on the commission
35	of all parts of the state; and
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WHEREAS, to accomplish the intent of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, concerning the appointment of the commission members, it is necessary that the General Assembly enact legislation to clarify the residency requirements for persons appointed to the commission, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-65-104(a), concerning the members appointed to the State Highway Commission, is amended to read as follows: (a) All appointments to the State Highway Commission shall be based upon the four (4) congressional districts as defined on July 20, 1979. Appointments All appointments to the commission State Highway Commission shall be made so as to assure that, at the earliest possible date, the commission shall be composed of: (1) one One (1) member from each of the four (4) congressional districts as the districts exist at the time of a member's appointment; and (2) one One (1) member from the state at large. /s/B. Sample APPROVED: 3/7/19