

1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2019
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 5

5 By: Senators T. Garner, Teague
6 By: Representative Watson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL STATE KNIFE; TO
10 DESIGNATE THE BOWIE KNIFE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE
11 KNIFE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO DESIGNATE THE BOWIE KNIFE AS THE
16 OFFICIAL STATE KNIFE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

22 (a) The General Assembly finds that the:

23 (1) Bowie knife has played an important part in Arkansas
24 history;

25 (2) Bowie knife was known as early as 1835 as an "Arkansas
26 Toothpick";

27 (3) Bowie knife was used in Arkansas in 1836 when Arkansas was
28 admitted to the union;

29 (4) Bowie knife is regarded as Arkansas's most famous weapon;
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31 (5) Bowie knife continues to be produced by artisans for use by
32 outdoorsmen and hunters in the state.

33 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to recognize the
34 significance of the Bowie knife in the history of Arkansas.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended



1 to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 1-4-134. State knife.

3 The Bowie knife is designated the official knife of the State of
4 Arkansas.

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