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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 641

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY  
10 AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND  
16 COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN  
17 LICENSING BOARD.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-106(b), concerning the creation of  
23 the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing  
24 Board, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b)(1) There is hereby created the Professional Bail Bond Company and  
26 Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board.

27 (2)(A) The board shall be composed of ~~eight (8)~~ seven (7)  
28 members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of seven (7) years.

29 (B) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the  
30 Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

31 (3)(A) Three (3) members of the board shall be licensed bail  
32 bond company owners, one (1) a current or former municipal chief of police,  
33 one (1) a current or former county sheriff, ~~one (1) a municipal or circuit~~  
34 ~~judge,~~ and two (2) shall be residents of the state who are not a bail bond  
35 company owner, ~~an elected judge,~~ a sheriff, or a chief of police.

36 (B)(i) ~~No two (2) of the three (3) bail bondsman members~~



1 ~~shall reside in the same congressional district.~~ Each congressional district  
2 shall be represented by at least one (1) member of the board.

3 (ii) At least one (1) board member shall be an  
4 African-American.

5 (iii) At least one (1) board member shall be a  
6 female.

7 (4) The board shall have the authority and responsibility to  
8 administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to licensing  
9 and regulation of professional bail bond companies and professional bail  
10 bondsmen.

11 (5) The board shall have the authority to adopt and enforce such  
12 reasonable rules as it ~~shall determine~~ determines to be necessary to enable  
13 it to effectively and efficiently carry out its official duty of licensing  
14 and regulating professional bail bond companies and professional bail  
15 bondsmen.

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