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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1442

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6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TAKING OF  
10 MINERALS, TIMBER, OR OTHER RESOURCES ON STATE-OWNED  
11 PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TAKING OF  
16 MINERALS, TIMBER, OR OTHER RESOURCES ON  
17 STATE-OWNED PROPERTY.  
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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 § 22-5-801, concerning leases and permits for  
23 the taking of minerals, timber, and other resources, is amended to add an  
24 additional subsection to read as follows:

25 (c) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

26 (1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow  
27 for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the  
28 electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and  
29 other required material relating to sand and gravel extraction;

30 (2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the filing of all  
31 bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and  
32 payments relating to sand and gravel extraction; and

33 (3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required  
34 under subdivision (c)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access  
35 to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production  
36 reports, and payments relating to sand and gravel extraction.



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-5-801, concerning leases and permits for  
3 the taking of minerals, timber, and other resources, is amended to add an  
4 additional subsection to read as follows:

5 (d) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

6 (1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow  
7 for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the  
8 electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and  
9 other required material relating to the extraction of oil, natural gas,  
10 casinghead gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs;

11 (2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the electronic  
12 filing of all bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production  
13 reports, and payments relating to the extraction of oil, natural gas,  
14 casinghead gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs; and

15 (3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required  
16 under subdivision (d)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access  
17 to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production  
18 reports, and payments relating to the extraction oil, natural gas, casinghead  
19 gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs.

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21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 22-5-802, concerning leases and permits and  
22 exemptions for state agencies, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
23 read as follows:

24 (d) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

25 (1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow  
26 for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the  
27 electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and  
28 other required material relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals  
29 extraction;

30 (2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the filing of all  
31 bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and  
32 payments relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals extraction;  
33 and

34 (3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required  
35 under subdivision (d)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access  
36 to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production

1 reports, and payments relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals  
2 extraction.

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4 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-5-808(b)(1), concerning leases and  
5 permits, records, fees, and the disposition of funds, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 (b)(1) The person, firm, company, corporation, or association making  
8 application or filing a competitive bid for a lease or permit with the State  
9 of Arkansas shall pay a fee to cover the cost of processing its application  
10 and providing public notice.

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12 SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective dates. (a) Section 1 of this  
13 act is effective on and after January 1, 2022.

14 (b) Section 2 of this act is effective on and after July 1, 2022.

15 (c) Section 3 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2022.

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18 /s/Bentley  
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