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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 1035

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 TO CREATE THE NONLEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE STUDY  
9 OF LANDLORD-TENANT EVICTION LAWS; TO RECOMMEND FAIR  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Nonlegislative Commission on the Study of  
26 Landlord-Tenant Eviction Laws.

27 (a) The Nonlegislative Commission on the Study of Landlord-Tenant  
28 Eviction Laws is created.

29 (b) The commission shall consist of the following nonlegislative  
30 members:

31 (1) One (1) member appointed by the Governor;

32 (2) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

33 (3) One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
34 Senate;

35 (4) One (1) member designated by agreement of the deans of the  
36 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of



1 Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law;

2 (5) One (1) member designated by the Arkansas Realtors  
3 Association;

4 (6) One (1) member designated by the Landlords Association of  
5 Arkansas;

6 (7) One (1) member designated by the Arkansas Bar Association;  
7 and

8 (8) One (1) member designated by the Arkansas Access to Justice  
9 Commission.

10 (c) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the appointing  
11 authority for the unexpired portion of the term in which it occurs.

12 (d)(1) The Governor shall designate his or her appointee to the  
13 commission to:

14 (A) Call the first meeting of the commission; and

15 (B) Serve as chair.

16 (2) At the first meeting, the members of the commission shall  
17 elect from its membership a vice chair.

18 (3) The commission shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County  
19 at the State Capitol or via teleconference or web conference, as technology  
20 becomes available and as desired to allow for scheduling flexibility for its  
21 members.

22 (4) The commission shall meet at least bimonthly or as decided  
23 upon by the commission.

24 (e) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a  
25 quorum for transacting business of the commission.

26 (f) The members of the commission shall not be entitled to  
27 compensation for their services or expense reimbursement.

28 (g)(1) The commission shall review the current residential eviction  
29 laws and methods in Arkansas, along with the recommendations of the  
30 Nonlegislative Commission on the Study of Landlord-Tenant Laws created by  
31 Acts 2011, No.1198, and shall produce a recommendation for a uniform  
32 residential tenant eviction system to be used throughout the state.

33 (2) The recommendation may include draft legislation.

34 (h) The commission shall report by December 31, 2016, to the Governor,  
35 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
36 Representatives the results of its findings and activities and any of its

1 recommendations, including draft legislation.

2 (i) The commission expires on January 1, 2017.

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