

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S2/8/23 H2/15/23

2 94th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2023

SENATE BILL 194

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5 By: Senator Hester

6 By: Representatives Cavanaugh, *Painter*

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TO DECLARE AN
11 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SECRETARY
16 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND TO
17 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-43-403(a)(2)(A), concerning the
23 appointment of the Secretary of the Department of Corrections, is amended to
24 read as follows:

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(2)(A) The Board of Corrections shall appoint the secretary who
26 shall serve at the pleasure of ~~the Board of Corrections~~ the Governor.

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SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
29 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Secretary of the
30 Department of Corrections provides critical administrative oversight of the
31 Department of Corrections; that the effective administration and management
32 of the Department of Corrections is critical to ensure the public's safety,
33 the safety of incarcerated citizens, and the proper functions of the
34 correctional system; that the Governor's oversight and executive authority is
35 critical to ensuring the public health and safety; and that this act is
36 immediately necessary because a uniform reporting structure for all



1 departmental secretaries will ensure proper oversight to preserve the
2 public's health and safety. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and
3 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
4 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

5 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

6 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
7 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
8 bill; or

9 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
10 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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/s/Hester

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