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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2677

"AN ACT TO RENAME THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2677.

Amend House Bill No. 2677 as originally introduced:

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Department of Economic Development renamed Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

(a)(1) The Department of Economic Development, as it is referred to or empowered through the Arkansas Code, is renamed.

(2) In its place, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is established, succeeding to the general powers and responsibilities previously assigned to the Department of Economic Development.

(3) The Director of the Department of Economic Development shall identify and revise all interagency agreements, financial instruments, funds, and other necessary legal documents in order to effect this change.

(b) Nothing in this act shall be construed as impairing the powers and authority of the Department of Economic Development before the effective date of the name change.

(c) Appropriations authorized for the personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Economic Development may be utilized for the personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Economic Development Commission renamed Arkansas Economic Development Council.

(a)(1) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission, as it is referred to or empowered through the Arkansas Code, is renamed.

(2) In its place, the Arkansas Economic Development Council is established, succeeding to the general powers and responsibilities previously assigned to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

(3) The Chair of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall identify and revise all interagency agreements, financial instruments, funds, and other necessary legal documents in order to effect this change.

(b) Nothing in this act shall be construed as impairing the powers and authority of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission before the effective date of the name change.



(c) Appropriations authorized for the personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may be utilized for the personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Council.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-4-201 is amended to read as follows:
15-4-201. Creation.

There is created and established at the seat of government of this state a ~~commission council~~ to be known as the "Arkansas Economic Development ~~Commission Council~~", hereinafter referred to as the "~~commission council~~".

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 25-11-101 is amended to read as follows:
25-11-101. Creation - Director - Organization - Personnel.

(a) There is created a ~~Department of Economic Development~~ the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

(b) The executive head of the department shall be the Director of the ~~Department of Economic Development~~ Arkansas Economic Development Commission. The director shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Arkansas Economic Development ~~Commission Council~~ and the consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(c) The ~~department~~ commission shall consist of the divisions which may be necessary to fulfill its purposes and which may be created by law and placed under the ~~department~~ commission.

(d) The director, with the advice and consent of the Governor, shall appoint the heads of the respective divisions. All other personnel of the ~~department~~ commission shall be employed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the director. However, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to reduce any right which an employee of the ~~department~~ commission shall have under any civil service or merit system.

(e) Each division of the ~~department~~ commission shall be under the direction, control, and supervision of the director. The director may delegate his or her functions, powers, and duties to various divisions of the ~~department~~ commission as he or she shall deem desirable and necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the ~~department~~ commission.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 25-11-102 is amended to read as follows:
25-11-102. Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

There is created an Arkansas Economic Development ~~Commission Council~~, whose membership, authorities, and powers shall be as specified in §§ 15-4-201 - 15-4-204, 15-4-209, 15-4-212, and 15-4-501 - 15-4-525.

SECTION 6. (a) This act shall not be construed as impairing the continued effectiveness of any rules or orders promulgated or issued by the Department of Economic Development or the Arkansas Economic Development Commission before the effective date of this act.

(b) This act shall not be construed as extinguishing or otherwise affecting the unexpired terms of any current members of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

SECTION 7. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall make all changes in the Arkansas Code necessary to effectuate the intent of this act.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act renames the Department of Economic Development and the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and that the ideal time to implement these names changes is at the beginning of the state's fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2007."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Dunn
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