

**15-10-801. Arkansas Alternative Energy Commission.**

(a) There is created the Arkansas Alternative Energy Commission.

(b) The commission shall consist of fifteen (15) diverse members appointed as follows:

(1) Five (5) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A) Two (2) members to represent utility companies that are concerned with alternative energy development; and

(B) Three (3) members who are consumers concerned with alternative energy development;

(2) Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

(A) Two (2) members to represent utility companies that are concerned with alternative energy development; and

(B) Three (3) members who are consumers concerned with alternative energy development; and

(3) Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as follows:

(A) Two (2) members to represent utility companies that are concerned with alternative energy development; and

(B) Three (3) members who are consumers concerned with alternative energy development.

(c)(1) The Governor shall appoint a chair for the commission.

(2) The chair shall call the first meeting of the commission within sixty (60) days after July 31, 2009.

(d)(1) A majority of the membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(2) A majority vote of those members present shall be required for any action of the commission.

(e) The commission shall meet at least one (1) time every three (3) months but may meet more often at the call of the chair.

(f) A vacancy arising in the membership of the commission for any reason other than expiration of the regular terms for which the members are appointed shall be filled by appointment by the person or persons who appointed the vacating member.

**(g)(1)** The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the commission.

**(2)** The commission shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County at the State Capitol or at other locations that the commission considers appropriate.

**History.** Acts 2009, No. 1301, § 1.

**15-10-802. Duties.**

The Arkansas Alternative Energy Commission shall study:

**(1)** The feasibility of creating or expanding alternative energy sources in Arkansas, including without limitation:

**(A)(i)** Bioenergy, including without limitation energy from biomass.

**(ii)** As used in subdivision (a)(1)(A)(i) of this section:

**(a)** "Biomass" includes agricultural waste, wood waste, poultry litter, and animal waste; and

**(b)** "Poultry litter" means poultry manure combined with wood shavings, straw, rice hulls, and other bedding material;

**(B)** Ethanol;

**(C)** Solar power;

**(D)** Energy derived from animal waste;

**(E)** Wind power; and

**(F)** Other energy sources identified by the commission;

**(2)** The effects of the use of alternative energy sources on the economic development of the state; and

**(3)** Other issues related to alternative energy production and use and the economic impact of alternative energy that the commission considers appropriate.

**History.** Acts 2009, No. 1301, § 1.