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By: Representatives D. Wood, Gilbert and Tullis

"AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE TAX DIVISION AND THE ASSESSMENT
COORDINATION DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) Effective July 1, 1987, the Tax Division of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, established pursuant to Section 1 of Act 245 of 1959, as amended, is transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration by a Type 2 transfer, as defined by Section 2 of Act 38 of 1971, as amended, and shall be known as the Division of Utility and Carrier Taxation. All functions and duties of the Arkansas Public Service Commission regarding assessment and equalization of properties of public utilities and carriers shall be administered by the Division of Utility and Carrier Taxation.

(b) Effective July 1, 1987, the Assessment Coordination Division of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, established pursuant to Section 1 of Act 245 of 1959, as amended, is transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration by a Type 2 transfer, as defined by Section 2 of Act 38 of 1971, as amended, and shall be known as the Division of Assessment Coordination. All powers and duties assigned to the Assessment Coordination Division of the Arkansas Public Service Commission pursuant to subsection (2) of Section 1 of Act 245 of 1959, as amended, shall be administered by the Division of Assessment Coordination.

SECTION 2. (a) Any and all appropriations for the Tax Division of the Arkansas Public Service Commission for fiscal year 1987 and any additional appropriation for the 1987-1989 biennium for the Tax Division shall be deemed

to be an appropriation to and shall be made available for the operation and maintenance of the Division of Utility and Carrier Taxation of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) Any and all appropriations for the Assessment Coordination Division of the Arkansas Public Service Commission for fiscal year 1987, plus any additional appropriation for the 1987-1989 biennium for the Assessment Coordination Division, shall be deemed an appropriation to and shall be made available for the operation and maintenance of the Division of Assessment Coordination of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the transfer of the Tax Division and the Assessment Coordination Division of the Arkansas Public Service Commission to the Department of Finance and Administration will promote the improvement of the Divisions' operations, and that the efficient operation of State government will be promoted by providing that the transfer shall be effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1987.

