

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1539

By: Rep. Ramsey

"AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE HIGHWAY POLICE DIVISION OF THE
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND
TRANSFER THE POWERS AND DUTIES PRESCRIBED TO IT TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE. The General Assembly hereby declares that this Act is necessary to create a structure of Highway Enforcement which will be responsive to the needs of the people of this State; to provide an opportunity to create budgetary and administrative efficiencies within an orderly organizational structure; and to eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide for an orderly transfer of powers, duties and functions of the Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to the Department of Arkansas State Police with a minimum of disruption of governmental services and functions.

SECTION 2. Effective the close of business on June 30, 1987, the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department is hereby abolished and on July 1, 1987, all statutory powers, authorities, duties and functions prescribed and performed by the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, as of June 30, 1986, shall be transferred to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be administered under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Arkansas State Police.

SECTION 3. The positions authorized the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for the 1987-89 biennium in the Regular Salary sche-

dule entitled "Police Patrolman" or perform the duties of the "Police Patrolman" are hereby transferred to, and authorized for the Department of Arkansas State Police for the 1987-89 biennium, at the same maximum annual salary rate to be utilized in performing the functions and duties transferred to the Arkansas State Police by Section 2 of this Act. All other regular salary positions authorized the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for the 1987-89 biennium for the purpose of performing the functions and duties of the Arkansas Highway Police Division are hereby abolished and are not to be utilized by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for any purpose.

SECTION 4. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall certify, on the last day of business in each calendar month, to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the cost associated with performing the functions and duties transferred to the Arkansas State Police on July 1, 1987, as previously performed by the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause the State Treasurer to transfer that amount of funds from the State Highway Department Fund to the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, that there is an immediate need to establish a more responsive and responsible state government to promote economy in the operation of government by the consolidation of entities performing highway enforcement. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

