

State of Arkansas

76th General Assembly

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SENATE BILL 170

By: Senator Hopkins

"AN ACT TO VOID ALL HUNTING LEASES ON UNENCLOSED FOREST LAND
LOCATED IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly by the passage of this Act to insure that the wildlife within this State continue to be recognized and treated as being common property of all of the citizens of this State, and furthermore, the passage of this Act is in recognition of the 150 year old custom of open hunting on unenclosed timberland in Arkansas. The General Assembly further recognizes and declares that such custom has become a vested property right of all of the citizens of this State, and it is the desire of the General Assembly to protect that right for future generations.

SECTION 2. All contracts which grant the right to hunt wild game on unenclosed forest land located in Arkansas are hereby declared to be against public policy and void. All money constituting the consideration for such contracts shall be subject to forfeiture to the State Treasury as General Revenues.

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

