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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1609

By: Representatives Mahony and Lipton

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS' FUTURE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Commission for Arkansas' Future to be composed of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State who shall be a non-voting member; three (3) members of the Arkansas Senate selected by the Senate Committee on Committees; three (3) members of the Arkansas House of Representatives to be selected by the Speaker of the House; and not less than nineteen (19) nor more than twenty-nine (29) Arkansas residents to be appointed by the Governor. No person appointed by the Governor shall be a member of the Arkansas General Assembly. The Governor shall make his appointments in such a manner that all areas of the State shall be represented on the Commission. All appointees shall serve until April 1, 1993 unless they resign or are unable to serve or fail to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the full Commission. The members of the Commission shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to per diem of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Commission or any committee of the Commission, and mileage reimbursement at the rate prescribed by State travel regulations for State employees.

SECTION 2. The Senate Committee on Committees shall make its appointments, the House Speaker shall make his appointments, and the Governor shall make at least nineteen (19) of his appointments no later than July 1, 1989.

SECTION 3. The Governor shall call the first meeting of the Commission which shall be held in July 1989.

SECTION 4. The Governor shall designate one of his appointees as chairman to serve for two (2) years, and thereafter the Commission shall elect the chairman from its non-legislative membership.

SECTION 5. When a vacancy occurs on the Commission the chairman shall notify the appropriate appointing official and the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. If the vacancy arises as a result of a member missing two consecutive meetings, the chairman shall also notify that member.

SECTION 6. At its first meeting, the Commission shall elect one of its non-legislative members as vice-chairman to serve for two years.

The Commission shall also elect three of its non-legislative members to serve with the chairman and vice-chairman as an Executive Committee. The Senate members shall select one of their number to serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee, and the House members shall do likewise. The director and other members of the staff shall be employed by the executive committee and shall work under the direction and control of the executive committee.

SECTION 7. The Commission shall develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the State. It shall identify trends affecting the State and develop detailed strategies and initiatives that will assist the State in maximizing its potential. It shall report its progress to the Governor and the Legislative Council by September 1, 1990. The Commission shall present its recommended strategies no later than September 1, 1992 to the Governor and the Legislative Council. Additionally, the Commission will have the responsibility for coordinating efforts to implement their strategies and initiatives.

SECTION 8. In addition to the funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the Commission, the Commission may accept funds from any other public or private source.

SECTION 9. The Commission may contract with any public or private

entity or any person to assist it in its efforts.

SECTION 10. The Commission shall meet at least twice each year. Monies appropriated by the General Assembly to the Commission may be expended by the Commission only if matched dollar for dollar by monies other than those appropriated by the General Assembly or in-kind donations from public or private sources. The Commission shall establish the value of in-kind donations for the purposes of the matching requirement.

SECTION 11. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 12. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that it is imperative that an entity be established and organized as soon as possible to assess Arkansas' future needs and commence work toward preparing a strategic plan for this State; that this Act creates such entity; and that this Act should be given effect immediately in order that the entity may be organized as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

