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By: Representative Foster

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 22-3-503 AND 22-3-504  
PERTAINING TO THE REVIEW OF PROJECTS BY THE CAPITOL GROUNDS  
COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 22-3-503 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"22-3-503. Powers and duties.

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To obtain and maintain information from state agencies concerning their current and anticipated future needs for space on the State Capitol Grounds for the location of projects, as defined in § 22-3-501, to be developed by the agencies;

(2) To recommend a long-range master improvement plan for capital improvement projects on the State Capitol Grounds and to review the plan from time to time to keep it up to date;

(3) To recommend the acquisition of land for such expansion of the State Capitol Grounds as may be required to meet the needs of state agencies;

(4) To review and recommend to the Governor, the General Assembly, or the Secretary of State on the location of monuments, memorials, fountains, and similar improvements on the State Capitol Grounds or for the relocation of existing monuments, memorials, and fountains on the State Capitol Grounds."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 22-3-504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"22-3-504. Requests - Contents, hearings, etc.

(a) Before any state agency shall undertake a capital improvement project, as defined in § 22-3-501, on the State Capitol Grounds, a request shall be filed with the commission for its review of the proposed project.

(b) The commission may require that the requests include:

(1) Architectural and landscaping plans, if appropriate, for the project;

(2) Sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with applicable standards for development;

(3) Sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with the Capitol Grounds Master Plan;

(4) Sufficient information to demonstrate consistency of the project with zoning regulations of the Capitol Zoning District Commission.

(c) Upon receipt of a request for review of a project, the commission shall hold a hearing for the purpose of obtaining the views of the public on the proposed project. Notices of hearings shall be mailed to interested persons, either by separate notice or by inclusion on the commission's meeting agenda, at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.

(d) If, upon review of the request for review of the project, the commission believes that more information relating to the project is required, the commission may postpone action on the request and may ask the requesting agency or the commission staff to provide additional information.

(e) If the commission determines that the proposed project is consistent with the Capitol Grounds Master Plan and with Capitol Zoning District Commission regulations and is in the best interest of the use of space on the State Capitol Grounds, the commission may give favorable advice.

(f) No state agency shall undertake a capital improvement project, as defined in § 22-3-501, on the State Capitol Grounds unless the project is first submitted to and approved by the General Assembly."

SECTION 3. 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 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.