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SENATE BILL

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By: Senators Benham and Beebe

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 13, CHAPTER 5 TO CREATE
A NEW SUBCHAPTER PERTAINING TO THE 'ARKANSAS POST MUSEUM'."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 13, Chapter 5 is hereby amended to add a new subchapter to read as follows:

"SUBCHAPTER 6

13-5-601. Museum Established. The Department of Parks and Tourism, Parks Division, Historical Resources and Museum Services Section is hereby authorized and directed to develop and operate a State Historical Museum in Arkansas County to be known and operated as the "Arkansas Post Museum."

13-5-602. Transfer of Property. The museum shall be established at the site of the existing Arkansas Post County Museum, with said buildings, land, collections and all operational supplies and equipment to be donated without cost to the State of Arkansas, Department of Parks and Tourism, Parks Division, Historical Resources and Museum Services Section.

13-5-603. Functions and Duties. The Arkansas Post Museum shall be developed and operated by the Historical Resources and Museum Services Section of the Division of State Parks of the Department of Parks and Tourism, and shall be devoted primarily to the acquisition, cataloging, and the display of objects or materials which tell the story of the Territorial settlement and development of Arkansas as a state and its relationship to the settlement of the lower Mississippi Valley. The Arkansas Post Museum shall solicit, purchase, or accept donations of objects or materials of historical value to

be made available to the public as a source of historical information concerning the territorial development and settlement of Arkansas.

13-5-604. Arkansas Post Museum Advisory Committee.

(a) The Governor shall establish an Arkansas Post Museum Advisory Committee, to consist of not less than seven (7) nor more than nine (9) members as determined by the Governor. All members shall be appointed for terms of five (5) years. At least of the members of the committee shall be a historian by profession.

(b) The first members appointed to the committee shall draw lots to determine their respective terms. Two (2) of the members shall serve a term of five (5) years; two (2) shall serve a term of four (4) years; one (1) shall serve a term of three (3) years; one (1) shall serve a term of two (2) years; and one (1) shall serve a term of one (1) year. All successive members shall be appointed for terms of five (5) years.

(c) All vacancies on the committee shall filled by appointment by the Governor.

(d) The members of the advisory committee shall serve without pay. The Historical Resources and Museum Services Section is authorized to reimburse the committee members for mileage, at the the rate per mile provided by law for reimbursement of mileage expenses for state employees, for travel from their homes to the place of meeting and return. When it is required of a committee member to perform separate duties in connection with the official business of agency and these duties are required at times other than official meetings, then reimbursement will be allowed at the same rate provided by law for reimbursement of expenses for state employees.

13-5-605. (a) Advisory Committee Duties. The members of the Arkansas Post Museum Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Parks and Tourism, Parks Division, Historical Resources and Museum Services Section in the establishment of policies and procedures for the development and operation of the Arkansas Post Museum. However, final authority for all matters relating to the development and operation of the Arkansas Post Museum shall rest with the Director of Arkansas State Parks.

(b) The Advisory Committee shall develop and coordinate efforts to encourage gifts to the Arkansas Post Museum."

SECTION 2. 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 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the government of Arkansas County has offered to the state an established and operating museum that focuses on the territorial development of Arkansas; that this act provides for the establishment of a state museum on that site; and that for the effective administration of this act, the act should become effective July 1, 1989. 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 on and after July 1, 1989.