

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1872

4 **By: Representatives Hutchinson, Cunningham, Flanagin and Brown**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ELECTION LAW REVISION
9 COMMISSION."

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

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13 SECTION 1. (a) There is established the Election Law Revision
14 Commission, consisting of a maximum of *twenty (20)* members, which shall have
15 the duty to examine the election laws of this state and to prepare suggested
16 legislation to revise or replace current election laws.

17 (b) The commission shall be composed of the following members:

18 (1) Five (5) members of the House of Representatives appointed by
19 the Speaker of the House;

20 (2) *Four (4)* members of the Senate, appointed by the President
21 Pro Tempore of the Senate;

22 (3) The chairman of the majority party in the state or the
23 designee of the chairman;

24 (4) The chairman of the minority party in the state or the
25 designee of the chairman;

26 (5) The Governor, in his capacity as Chairman of the State Board
27 of Elections Commissioners, shall appoint not more than nine (9) persons as
28 members of the Commission, and shall designate one (1) of the members to serve
29 as chairman. In making appointments the Governor shall seek:

30 (A) to achieve racial diversity, reasonable bipartisan
31 representation and representation of both urban and rural areas of the State,

32 (B) to include persons with experience and expertise in the
33 administration of election laws of this state,

34 (C) to include election officials from various levels of
35 government, and

1 (D) to include representation of civic organizations active
2 in promoting participation in the election process.

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4 SECTION 2. (a) The commission may establish advisory groups to assist
5 the commission in the examination and the possible revision of various areas
6 of the election laws.

7 (b) The commission shall conduct at least two (2) public hearings in
8 each congressional district in the state for the purpose of obtaining public
9 comment on the current laws and suggestions for their revision.

10 (c) The commission shall make quarterly reports to the Joint Interim
11 Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

12 (d) The commission shall complete its findings and proposed legislation
13 by December 1, 1992. Upon completion of its findings and proposed
14 legislation, the commission shall file a copy with the Joint Interim Committee
15 on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the commission shall make its
16 report to the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly. If the commission completes its
17 work prior to any special session of the General Assembly, the commission
18 shall request the Governor to include the proposed legislation in his call.

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20 *SECTION 3. The members of the commission shall not be compensated for*
21 *their services but may receive mileage and per diem at a rate not to exceed*
22 *the rate for members of the General Assembly while attending joint interim*
23 *committees.*

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25 SECTION 4. The commission shall expire upon the completion of its
26 duties under this act.

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28 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
29 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
30 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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32 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
36 act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 7. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/ T. Hutchinson et al

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