

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Purdom**
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 15-23-313 BY ADDING A NEW
9 SUBSECTION TO PROTECT SCENIC RIVERS BY REQUIRING AN
10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PRIOR TO DIVERTING WATER
11 OUTSIDE THE BASIN OF THE SCENIC RIVER; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 15-23-313 is amended to add the following new
17 subsection to read as follows:

18 "(g) The waters of a scenic river shall not be diverted outside its
19 river basin unless a five (5) year environmental impact study is conducted to
20 determine the impact of the proposed diversion on the river and its
21 tributaries. This subsection shall not apply to any diversion of water being
22 made on July 1, 1991."
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24 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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28 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
32 act are declared to be severable.
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34 SECTION 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are
35 hereby repealed.