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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representatives King, Porter, Thicksten, Willems, Bryan and Whorton**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 15-71-102 TO INCREASE THE
9 MEMBERSHIP OF THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION FROM NINE (9)
10 MEMBERS TO ELEVEN (11) MEMBERS AND TO MAKE THE TWO (2) NEW
11 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OIL AND GAS
12 ROYALTY INTEREST OWNERS; TO DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF TERM
13 FOR THE TWO (2) NEW ADDITIONAL MEMBERS; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES."

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

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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-71-102 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows:

20 "15-71-102. Members.

21 (a) The commission shall consist of eleven (11) members, each to be
22 appointed for a term of six (6) years, and, in event of a vacancy, the
23 Governor shall by appointment fill the unexpired term.

24 (b)(1) All of the members of the commission shall be residents and
25 citizens of the State of Arkansas, at least thirty (30) years of age.

26 (2) At least four (4) members of the commission shall be experienced in
27 the development, production, and transportation of oil and gas.

28 (3) At least two (2) members of the commission shall be owners of
29 an oil or gas royalty interest in an actively producing unit and shall not be
30 engaged in any aspect of the business of development, production, or
31 transportation of oil and gas.

32 (c) Each member shall qualify by taking an oath of office and shall
33 hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified.

34 (d) Each member shall receive as compensation for his services the sum
35 of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for each day he attends a meeting or hearing

1 and, in addition thereto, all necessary traveling expenses."

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3 SECTION 2. The nine (9) members of the Oil and Gas Commission, as
4 established by Act 105 of 1939 and increased and amended by Act 680 of 1985,
5 shall continue to serve for the remainder of their terms and their successors
6 shall be appointed and qualified as now provided for by law. The two (2)
7 additional members of the commission as provided for by this act shall be
8 appointed by the Governor and shall be owners of an oil and gas royalty
9 interest in an actively producing unit and shall not be engaged in any aspect
10 of the business of development, production, or transportation of oil and gas.
11 The Governor shall designate the term for which each of the two (2)
12 additional members shall serve in order that the term of one (1) additional
13 member shall expire on February 20, 1992, and the term of the other additional
14 member of the Board shall expire on January 14, 1994. As with the current
15 members of the commission, their successors shall be appointed for terms of
16 six (6) years.

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18 SECTION 3. The Oil and Gas Commission may employ an information officer
19 to serve royalty owners who reside in Franklin, Sebastian, Johnson, Crawford,
20 and Logan counties and any other counties, as designated the commission. The
21 information officer shall insure the prompt and efficient handling of
22 inquiries and requests by royalty owners for official information, develop a
23 strong royalty owner education program, and perform other duties as the
24 commission may establish. The information officer shall not investigate,
25 counsel, or advise with respect to any complaint or controversy.

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27 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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31 SECTION 5. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
33 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
34 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
35 act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
hereby repealed.