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2 80th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1066

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 15-31-104 TO PROVIDE THAT  
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## Subtitle

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

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21 SECTION 1. The General Assembly has determined that, pursuant to  
22 Arkansas Forestry Commission policy, county foresters and district foresters  
23 employed by the Arkansas Forestry Commission are required to have earned the  
24 minimum of a bachelor\_s defree in forestry from an accredited, four-year  
25 program at an institution of higher education. The General Assembly has  
26 further determined that the State Forester should also be required to have  
27 earned at a minimum a bachelor\_s degree in forestry from an accredited, four-  
28 year program at an institution of higher education.

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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 15-31-104 is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 "15-31-104. State Forester.

33 The State Forester shall:

34 (1) Be employed by the State Forestry Commission, with the approval of  
35 the Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

1 (2) Administer the provisions of this chapter and the rules,  
2 regulations, and orders established thereunder. The commission may, by  
3 adopted resolution, delegate to the State Forester any of the powers or  
4 duties vested in or imposed upon it by this chapter. Such delegated powers  
5 and duties may be exercised by the State Forester in the name of the  
6 commission;

7 (3) Be a person who shall have earned at a minimum a bachelor\_s degere  
8 in forestry from an accredited, four-year program at an institution of higher  
9 education and have not less than three (3) years' practical administrative  
10 and field experience in forestry;

11 (4) Be custodian of all property held in the name of the commission and  
12 shall be, ex officio, the disbursing agent of all funds available for its  
13 use; and

14 (5) Furnish bond to the state, with a corporate surety thereon, in the  
15 penal sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), conditioned that he will  
16 faithfully perform his duties of employment and properly account for all  
17 funds received and disbursed by him. An additional disbursing agent's bond  
18 shall not be required of the State Forester. The bond shall be filed with the  
19 Secretary of State, and an executed counterpart thereof shall be filed with  
20 the Auditor of State."

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22 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
23 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
24 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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26 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
27 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
29 act are declared to be severable.

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31 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
32 hereby repealed.

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