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4 By: Representative Dawson

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1759

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORESTRY
MUSEUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A FORESTRY MUSEUM."

WHEREAS, museums preserve our heritage for the benefit, enjoyment, and education of the citizens of all ages and from every community in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, museums are unique cultural resources through the preservation, exhibition, and documentation of historically, scientifically, and artistically significant facts and artifacts; and

WHEREAS, museums provide a unique educational tool which can directly supplement the state's educational system through demonstrating the use and significance of said artifacts; and

WHEREAS, the timber industry has provided a significant number of jobs and income in the State of Arkansas;

NOW THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism is authorized to establish and operate a State Historical Museum to be known and operated as the "Arkansas Forestry Museum." The Arkansas Forestry Commission shall advise the Department of Parks and Tourism in the establishment of the Arkansas Forestry Museum.

(b) The Arkansas Forestry Museum shall be constructed only on the

1 *condition that the forestry industry in Arkansas endorses the project and*
2 *provides total funding for construction, operation and maintenance in*
3 *perpetuity by new taxes on the industry dedicated to the museum, by money or*
4 *property donated or furnished in kind from private or local sources, or from*
5 *federal funds that may be available therefor.*

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7 SECTION 2. (a) The Arkansas Forestry Museum shall be devoted
8 primarily to the acquisition, cataloging, and display of tools, equipment,
9 machinery, and materials used in the timber industry in Arkansas.

10 (b) The Department of Parks and Tourism shall solicit, purchase, or
11 accept donations of maps, drawings, photographs, and other records of
12 historical value, to be made available to the public as a source of
13 historical information concerning the development of the timber industry in
14 this state.

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16 SECTION 3. *The Arkansas Forestry Museum shall be established at a site*
17 *to be selected jointly by the Department of Parks and Tourism and the*
18 *Forestry Commission, with the lands, which shall consist of not less than*
19 *eighty (80) acres, to be donated without cost to the Department of Parks and*
20 *Tourism.*

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22 SECTION 4. (a) There is hereby created the "Arkansas Forestry Museum
23 Advisory Committee". The committee shall be composed of *thirteen (13)*
24 members as follows:

25 (1) the Director of the Forestry Commission, *or his designee,*
26 *shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member;*

27 (2) the Director of the Parks and Tourism, or his designee,
28 *shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member;*

29 (3) *eleven (11) members appointed by the Governor.*

30 (b)(1) At least *seven (7)* of the Governor_s appointees shall be
31 residents of timber producing counties of Arkansas.

32 (2) At least *four (4)* of the Governor_s appointees shall
33 represent different types of businesses that are involved in the timber
34 industry, such as final processors, loggers, contractors, prime contractors,
35 individual landowners.

1 (A) The first members appointed to the Committee shall
2 draw lots to determine their respective terms as follows:

3 (i) Three (3) shall serve a term of five (5) years;
4 (ii) Three (3) shall serve a term of four (4) years;
5 (iii) Three (3) shall serve a term of three (3)
6 years; and

7 (iv) Two (2) shall serve a term of two (2) years.

8 (B) All successor members shall be appointed for terms of five
9 (5) years.

10 (3) All vacancies on the committee shall be filled by
11 appointment by the Governor.

12 (4) *The Governor shall select the initial chairperson,*
13 *thereafter, the members shall annually elect a member of the committee to*
14 *serve as chairperson.*

15 (c)(1) *Members shall serve without pay, but shall be entitled to*
16 *reimbursement for mileage expense at the same rate allowed by law for*
17 *reimbursement of state employees for travel to and from the place of the*
18 *meeting.*

19 (2) *When it is required of a committee member to perform*
20 *separate duties in connection with the official business of the committee,*
21 *and these duties are required at times other than official meetings, then*
22 *members shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual reasonable expenses at*
23 *the same rate allowed by law for reimbursement of expenses for state*
24 *employees.*

25 (d)(1) The advisory committee shall advise the Department of Parks and
26 Tourism in the establishment of policies, procedures for the construction and
27 operation and maintenance of the Arkansas Forestry Museum.

28 (2) *The committee shall develop and coordinate efforts to*
29 *encourage gifts or donations to the Arkansas Forestry Museum of old records,*
30 *maps, drawings, photographs, tools, equipment, machinery and other*
31 *memorabilia to be accessioned, curated, and conserved by the Arkansas*
32 *Forestry Museum for the use and benefit of students, scientists, and the*
33 *public and for research into the timber industry history of Arkansas.*

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35 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent

1 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
2 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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10 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Dawson

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