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4 By:] Representative Davis

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1820

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 15-6-104 TO DEFINE THE
COMPOSITION OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS 15-6-104 TO
DEFINE THE COMPOSITION OF THE RURAL
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION."

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

SECTION 1. Ark. Code 15-6-104 is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15-6-104. Arkansas Rural Development Commission.

*(a) There is hereby established the Arkansas Rural Development
Commission which shall consist of fifteen (15) members from rural areas.*

(b) The members shall be appointed as follows:

*(1) There shall be seven (7) nonlegislative members of the
commission appointed by the Governor to serve for terms of five (5) years.*

*(A) One (1) member shall be appointed from each of the
four (4) congressional districts of the state as constituted January 1, 1990,
and shall be a resident of a rural area of that congressional district.*

*(B) Three (3) members shall be appointed from the state at
large and shall be residents of a rural area.*

*(C) In the event of a vacancy on the commission in one of
the nonlegislative positions due to death, resignation, or other reason, the
vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment
of the Governor of a person meeting the same qualifications required for
initial appointment.*

1 (D) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall not be
2 eligible for reappointment;

3 (2) There shall be eight (8) legislative members of the
4 commission as follows:

5 (A) The Speaker of the House or his designee and the
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate or his designee;

7 (B) One (1) member of the House Agricultural and Economic
8 Development Committee appointed by the Speaker; and one (1) member of the
9 Senate Agricultural and Economic Development Committee appointed by the
10 President Pro Tem; and

11 (C) Two (2) members shall be members of the Senate and two
12 (2) members shall be members of the House of Representatives and shall be
13 appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the President Pro Tempore and
14 the Speaker of the House, respectively. They shall represent rural areas of
15 the state.

16 (c) The commission shall select by majority vote one (1) of its
17 members to serve as a chairman and one (1) to serve as vice chairman.

18 (d) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation,
19 provided that, in the event funds shall be appropriated for such purposes,
20 the members may be entitled to receive reimbursement for their actual and
21 necessary costs of meals, lodging, and travel expenses while engaged in
22 commission business at a rate not to exceed the maximum established by law or
23 regulation for travel by state employees. Expenses for legislative members
24 shall be paid from funds appropriated for expenses and mileage of members of
25 the General Assembly attending meetings of interim committees of the General
26 Assembly.

27 (e) Neither the Arkansas Rural Development Commission nor the Office of
28 Rural Advocacy may award or recommend the award of grants to cemeteries."

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30 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
31 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
32 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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8 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. *It is hereby found and determined by the*
9 *General Assembly that the Arkansas rural Development Commission should be*
10 *expanded; that this act so provides; and that this act should go into effect*
11 *as soon as possible in order to provide additional representation on the*
12 *commission at the earliest possible date. Therefore, an emergency is hereby*
13 *declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation*
14 *of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from*
15 *and after its passage and approval.*

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18 /s/Rep. Davis

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