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A Bill

SENATE BILL 111

4 By: Senators Hardin and Malone

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 15-3-104 TO
9 INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
10 ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY AND PROVIDE FOR
11 REPRESENTATION THEREON OF PERSONS WITH MANUFACTURING
12 EXPERIENCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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15 104 TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated § 15-3-104 is hereby amended
25 to read as follows:

26 "15-3-104. Members.

27 (a) The authority shall be governed by fourteen (14) directors, who
28 together shall serve as the authority's board of directors.

29 (b) Directors shall be legal residents of the State of Arkansas.

30 (c) The board shall consist of the Director of the Department of
31 Higher Education or the Director_s designee, and thirteen (13) directors who
32 shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, as
33 follows:

34 (1) Three (3) directors shall be appointed as engineers or scientists
35 recognized for their scientific or technological research efforts;

1 (2) Two (2) directors shall be appointed as representatives of
2 academic institutions who have an extended extensive involvement in science
3 and technology research; and

4 (3) Five (5) directors shall be representatives of the private sector
5 of the state, who shall be persons with knowledge or experience in the fields
6 of agriculture, forestry, finance, economic development, or science and
7 technology; and

8 (4) Three (3) directors shall be appointed as representatives of the
9 private sector of the state, who shall be persons with knowledge or
10 experience in the field of manufacturing. The three persons first appointed
11 under this subdivision shall by lot draw terms so that one expires January
12 14, 1996, one expires January 14, 1998 and one expires January 14, 1999.
13 Thereafter, their successors shall serve four year terms.

14 (d) In making appointments, the Governor shall give consideration to
15 geographical representation, in order that each major area of the state will
16 be represented on the board of directors of the authority.

17 (e) Directors shall be appointed for terms running four (4) years from
18 January 14 of the year of appointment. Directors shall hold office for the
19 terms of their appointments and until their successors shall have been
20 appointed and qualified.

21 (f) In the event of a vacancy in the position of director of the
22 authority, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor in the
23 same manner as provided for the initial appointment for the remainder of the
24 unexpired portion of the term of the director.

25 (g) In addition to the fourteen (14) directors serving as the
26 authority's board of directors, there shall be two (2) nonvoting ex officio
27 directors appointed by the Governor, one (1) each from the membership of the
28 Senate and House of Representatives.

29 (1) The ex officio directors shall serve from the date of their
30 appointment until the opening day of the next regularly scheduled session of
31 the General Assembly.

32 (2) The ex officio directors may be reappointed.

33 (3) For purposes of subsection (j) of this section, the ex officio
34 directors shall be treated as if they were directors of the authority.

35 (h) No director of the authority shall serve more than two (2) terms

1 of office.

2 (i) A director of the authority may be removed by the Governor for
3 cause, stated in writing, after a hearing thereon, or upon joint address of a
4 majority of the membership of both houses of the General Assembly at a
5 special or regular session thereof.

6 (j) Unless otherwise provided by law, a director of the authority
7 shall serve without pay, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for
8 reasonable and necessary expenses of meals, lodging, and other expenses
9 directly related to attending meetings of the authority, or in the
10 performance of duties assigned by the authority, and in addition thereto,
11 shall be entitled to reimbursement for mileage at the same rate as provided
12 by law for reimbursement of official travel by state employees. Such expenses
13 and mileage shall be paid from funds appropriated for such purpose or
14 otherwise available to the authority.

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

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20 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
22 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
23 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
24 act are declared to be severable.

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

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