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A Bill

SENATE BILL 122

4 By: Senators Cassady, Bell and Fitch

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 15-31-104 TO PROVIDE THAT
9 THE PERSON EMPLOYED AS STATE FORESTER MUST HAVE EARNED A
10 MINIMUM OF A BACHELOR_S DEGREE IN FORESTRY."

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Subtitle

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14 STATE FORESTER MUST HAVE EARNED A
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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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