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4 By: Senator Wilson

A Bill

SENATE BILL 588

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE RETIREMENT AND RELOCATION DIVISION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM; TO ESTABLISH AN
ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE DIVISION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"TO CREATE THE RETIREMENT AND RELOCATION
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
TOURISM AND TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY
BOARD."

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

SECTION 1. Intent. It is found and determined by the General Assembly
of the State of Arkansas that:

(1) Retirees relocating to Arkansas from elsewhere have had a
tremendous fiscal impact on our state by creating jobs, by expanding the tax
base and bringing new financial resources to our borders, while requiring
little in additional services provided by the state; and

(2) The natural beauty, physical resources and mild climate of the
state of Arkansas make it an attractive retirement location; and

(3) Establishing a state-sponsored program to promote economic
development of the state by encouraging retirees to relocate to Arkansas
would produce many benefits to the state.

SECTION 2. There is established a Retirement and Relocation Division
with the Department of Parks and Tourism with functions, powers, and duties
consistent with the purposes of this act. The director of the Department of

1 Parks and Tourism, with the advice and consent of the Governor, shall appoint
2 the head of the Retirement and Relocation Division of the Department of Parks
3 and Tourism and may employ other employees as shall be necessary and
4 appropriate within funds as appropriated by the General Assembly.

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6 SECTION 3. The purposes of the Retirement and Relocation Division
7 shall be to promote the relocation of individuals, particularly retirees, to
8 the state of Arkansas by:

9 (1) Soliciting the relocation of retirees and other individuals to the
10 state of Arkansas by means of advertising and other promotional methods;

11 (2) Developing information and serving as a source of information
12 regarding retirement advantages and relocation resources and opportunities;

13 (3) Coordinating with and providing networking support and other
14 assistance to both public and private agencies and organizations that are
15 involved in retirement and relocation promotion and related activities;

16 (4) Conducting and supporting surveys and other research relating to
17 retirement and relocation issues; and

18 (5) Engaging in other activities consistent with the purposes of the
19 Division and this act.

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21 SECTION 4. (a) There is created the Retirement and Relocation Advisory
22 Board, which shall consist of twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor,
23 subject to confirmation by the Senate.

24 (1) Eight (8) at-large members shall be appointed by the
25 Governor, and at least four (4) of these eight (8) members shall be
26 individuals of at least fifty-five (55) years of age.

27 (2) The other four (4) members shall be appointed by the
28 Governor from a list of individuals recommended to the Governor by the
29 Arkansas Realtors Association or its successor organization.

30 (b) The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism shall serve as
31 an additional, non-voting, ex-officio member of the Advisory Board.

32 (c) The initial members of the Advisory Board shall draw lots to
33 determine their respective terms. Four (4) of the members shall serve a term
34 of three (3) years; four (4) members shall serve a term of two (2) years; and
35 four (4) members shall serve a term of one (1) year. All successive members

1 shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years.

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3 SECTION 5. The Retirement and Relocation Advisory Board shall serve in
4 an advisory capacity to the Retirement and Relocation Division of the
5 Department of Parks and Tourism providing advice and guidance to the Division
6 with regard to its policies, procedures, programs, and activities in
7 promoting the relocation of individuals, particularly retirees, to the state
8 of Arkansas and its other purposes.

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10 SECTION 6. (a) The members of the Advisory Board shall serve without
11 compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement of their actual expenses for
12 attending meetings of the Advisory Board at the same time and for the
13 expenses provided by law for reimbursement of expenses of state employees.

14 (b) The Retirement and Relocation Division is authorized to reimburse
15 the members of the Advisory Board for mileage at the rate per mile provided
16 by law for reimbursement of mileage expenses for state employees for travel
17 from their homes to the place of meeting and return.

18 (c) When it is required of a member of the Advisory Board to perform
19 separate duties in connection with the official business of the division and
20 these duties are required at times other than official meetings, then
21 reimbursement will be allowed at the same rate provided by law for
22 reimbursement of expenses of state employees.

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24 SECTION 7. There is created on the books of the State Treasurer, State
25 Auditor, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue fund to
26 be known as the "Parks and Tourism-Retirement and Relocation Division Fund."
27 The fund shall be used exclusively by the Retirement and Relocation Division
28 of the Department of Parks and Tourism to fund its programs, operations and
29 *activities consistent with the provisions of this act.*

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31 SECTION 8. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
32 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
33 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 9. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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

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