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A Bill

SENATE BILL 352

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5 By: Senator Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CROWLEY S RIDGE TRAIL COMMISSION;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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13 "TO ESTABLISH A CROWLEY S RIDGE TRAIL
14 COMMISSION."
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a Crowleys Ridge Trail Commission
19 to consist of fifteen (15) members from the Crowleys Ridge area to be
20 appointed as follows:

21 (1) Five (5) members shall be appointed by the Governor;

22 (2) Five (5) members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tem
23 of the Senate; and

24 (3) Five (5) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
25 House.

26 (b) The initial members of the commission shall draw lots so that five
27 (5) serve a one-year term; five (5) serve a two-year term; and five (5) serve
28 a three-year term. Successor members shall serve three (3) year terms except
29 that persons appointed to fill vacancies resulting in an unexpired term shall
30 serve for the remainder of that unexpired term.

31 (c) Upon recommendation of the commission, made after notice and
32 hearing, the Governor may remove any member of the commission for
33 incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.

34 (d) Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner
35 the appointment was made under subsection (a).

36 (e) The Governor shall call the first commission meeting and designate

1 a member to preside at that meeting. The commission shall elect annually from
2 its membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson and a secretary. The
3 commission shall meet as frequently as it deems necessary, at such times and
4 places as the commission designates. Additional meetings may be held upon
5 call of the chairperson or upon written request of eight (8) members of the
6 commission.

7 (f) Eight (8) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

8 (g) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

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10 SECTION 2. The Crowleys Ridge Trail Commission shall:

11 (1) investigate the possibility of establishing scenic hiking, biking,
12 and walking trails along the length of Crowleys Ridge from Cape Girardeau,
13 Missouri to Helena, Arkansas;

14 (2) study the feasibility of financing the establishment of scenic
15 hiking, biking, and walking trails along Crowleys Ridge with resources from
16 foundations, other private financial sources, federal or state grants, or
17 other funding;

18 (3) develop and coordinate efforts to encourage gifts or donations to
19 the commission to be used to support the work of the commission and to be used
20 for the establishment of scenic trails along Crowleys Ridge;

21 (4) study the possibility of using volunteers, such as Ameri-Corps
22 volunteers, recipients of Transitional Employment Assistance, and others to
23 construct the trails; and

24 (5) report its findings to the State Parks and Tourism Department, the
25 General Assembly, and the Governor by January 15, 1999.

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27 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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