

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999  
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As Engrossed: 1/27/99  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1235

5 By: Representatives Minton, Glover  
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### 8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE  
10 SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST TO APPOINT DRUG  
11 TASK FORCE OFFICERS TO SERVE AS INVESTIGATORS FOR THE  
12 PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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### 14 **Subtitle**

15 "TO AUTHORIZE THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF  
16 THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT-WEST  
17 TO APPOINT DRUG TASK FORCE OFFICERS TO  
18 SERVE AS INVESTIGATORS FOR THE  
19 PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE."  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. The prosecuting attorney of the Seventeenth Judicial  
25 District-West is hereby authorized to appoint as investigators for the  
26 prosecutor's office certified law enforcement officers. The drug task force  
27 officers so appointed by the prosecuting attorney shall have full power and  
28 authority as all other law enforcement officers in this state.  
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30 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
32 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  
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
2 act are declared to be severable.

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5 hereby repealed.

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7 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
8 Eighty-second General Assembly that the prosecuting attorney for the  
9 Seventeenth Judicial District-West does not have adequate staff for fulfilling  
10 the prosecutor's responsibilities; that this act will grant additional staff  
11 to the prosecutor by allowing the prosecutor to appoint drug task force  
12 officers to serve as investigators for the prosecutor's office; and that until  
13 this act becomes effective, the prosecuting attorney for the Seventeenth  
14 Judicial District-West will be unnecessarily hampered in the prosecution of  
15 criminal defendants within the district. Therefore, an emergency is declared  
16 to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the  
17 public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its  
18 approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the  
19 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time  
20 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the  
21 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the  
22 last house overrides the veto.

23 /s/ Minton, et al  
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