State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: H3/16/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly 3 Regular Session, 1999 HOUSE BILL 2289 4 5 By: Representative Wilkinson 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CREDIT UNIONS WHOSE MEMBERSHIP 9 EXTENDS BEYOND EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC ENTITY OR 10 AGENCY SHALL PAY MARKET RENTAL FOR OCCUPANCY OF ANY 11 12 PUBLIC BUILDING OR FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 13 Subtitle 14 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CREDIT UNIONS 15 16 WHOSE MEMBERSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC ENTITY OR AGENCY 17 18 SHALL PAY MARKET RENTAL FOR OCCUPANCY OF ANY PUBLIC BUILDING OR FACILITY." 19 20 21 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 24 SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that many credit unions have expanded their membership or affiliated with other credit unions thereby 25 eliminating the close proximity among the members and local nature of these 26 organizations. It is the intent of the General Assembly that credit unions 27 28 whose field of membership is limited to employees of the public entity or 29 agency may occupy space in any building owned or leased by such public entity 30 or agency upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the credit union and the public entity or agency, however any credit union whose field of membership 31 32 includes persons other than employees of the public entity or agency shall pay 33 market rent for any space it occupies or uses in any building owned or leased 34 by a public entity or agency. 35 SECTION 2. (1) "Credit union" means any federal credit union chartered 36

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- 1 pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 14 of the United States Code (12 U.S.C. Sec.
- 2 <u>1751 et seq.), any credit union chartered under Title 23, Chapter 35 of the</u>
- 3 Arkansas Code Annotated, or any credit union chartered under the laws of any
- 4 <u>other state;</u>
- 5 <u>(2) "Market rent" means the rent for real property in comparable</u>
- 6 <u>condition and configured comparably that a reasonable tenant would pay to a</u>
- 7 <u>reasonable landlord, both tenant and landlord having equal bargaining power</u>
- 8 <u>and, in fact, bargaining in good faith, neither being under economic or other</u>
- 9 <u>coerci on; and</u>
- 10 <u>(3) "Public entity or agency" means the State of Arkansas or any</u>
- 11 <u>agency, subdivision and instrumentality thereof, including but not limited to,</u>
- 12 <u>counties, cities, towns, county agencies, municipal agencies, improvement</u>
- 13 <u>districts, school districts, state universities and colleges and any other</u>
- 14 <u>authority, entity, board or commission created by and existing under the</u>
- 15 authority of any of the foregoing.

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- 17 SECTION 3. Beginning January 1, 2000, any credit union which occupies
- 18 or uses any real property, whether improved or unimproved, that is owned or
- 19 leased by a public entity or agency shall pay market rent for the occupancy or
- 20 use of all such real property, unless the credit union shall demonstrate
- 21 annually that its field of membership does not include persons other than
- 22 employees of the public entity or agency which owns or leases the real
- 23 property.

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- SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
- 26 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
- 27 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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- 29 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
- 30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
- 31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
- 32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
- 33 act are declared to be severable.

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- 35 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
- 36 hereby repeal ed.

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