

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1493

By: Representative Adams

By: Senator Faris

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OUACHI TA RIVER COMMI SSION; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OUACHI TA RI VER
COMMI SSION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 15-23-803 is amended to read as follows:

15-23-803. Ouachi ta River Commi ssion created - Powers and duties.

There is created and established the Ouachi ta River Commi ssion with the
following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

(1) To cooperate with the appropriate state and federal agencies
for the study, planning, and implementation of needed improvements or
projects, or both, to and along the main stem of the Ouachi ta River in Dallas,
Hot Spring, Clark, Ouachi ta, Cal houn, Uni on, Bradley, and Ashley Counties,
Arkansas;

(2) To review, study, and examine any plan by the State of
Arkansas or the federal government or any agency thereof for the improvement
of the main stem of the Ouachi ta River in Arkansas and to ascertain the nature
and purpose of the improvement, the benefits to be expected therefrom, and the
necessity, feasibility, and estimated cost thereof;

(3) To determine the local, nonfederal costs necessary for the
construction, operation, and maintenance of any Ouachi ta River improvement
project, including, but not limited to, port and terminal facilities along and

upon the main stem thereof; and

(4) To delineate the area to be benefited by improvement of the main stem of the Ouachita River.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 15-23-804(a), concerning the membership of the Ouachita River Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Ouachita River Commission shall be composed of ~~seven (7)~~ nine (9) members.

(2) The members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Clark County;

(B) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Ouachita County;

(C) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Calhoun County;

(D) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Union County;

(E) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Bradley County;

(F) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Ashley County;

~~and~~

(G) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Hot Spring

County;

(H) One (1) who is a resident and elector of Dallas County;

and

~~(G)(I)~~ One (1) who is the highest ranking official of the Ouachita River Valley Association and who is a resident of Arkansas.

(3) The Governor's appointment shall be with the advice and consent of the Senate.