

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2269

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5 By: Representative Stovall
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC UTILITY
10 CONSUMERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF
14 PUBLIC UTILITY CONSUMERS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 23-2-101(b), relating to the appointment and
20 qualification of members of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (b) Each commissioner before entering on his or her duties shall take
23 the oath prescribed by the Constitution, shall swear that he or she has not
24 been an employee of a public utility within the preceding five (5) years and
25 that he or she is not pecuniarily interested in any public utility or
26 affiliate, or any public carrier or affiliate therewith, as employee,
27 stockholder, or security holder.
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29 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30 General Assembly that under the present law relating to qualifications of
31 persons appointed to the Public Service Commission, a recent employee of a
32 regulated public utility could be appointed and serve on the commission; that
33 it is essential to the protection of the interests of public utility
34 consumers in this state that such persons be disqualified for service on the
35 commission; and that this safeguard be given effect immediately. Therefore,
36 an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary

1 for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become
2 effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is
3 neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the
4 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill.
5 If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall
6 become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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