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9   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

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24   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 11-9-205(b), concerning the appointment of

25 administrative law judges of the Workers' Compensation Commission, is amended

26 to read as follows:

27   (b)(1) The commission may appoint as many persons as may be necessary

28 to be administrative law judges and in addition may appoint such examiners,

29 rate experts, investigators, medical examiners, clerks, and other employees as

30 it deems necessary to effectuate the provisions of this chapter, provided that

31 the appointment of all rate experts shall be made by the Insurance

32 Commissioner, whose duty it is to approve the rates charged.

33   *(2) Administrative law judges may be removed from office for the*

34 *same reasons as Workers' Compensation Commissioners: inefficiency, neglect of*

35 *duty or misconduct in office.*

36   ~~(2)~~ (3) Rate experts shall be considered employees of the

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1   commission and the Insurance Commissioner and shall be paid from the Workers'

2   Compensation Fund.

3   ~~(3)~~(4) Employees appointed pursuant to this subsection shall

4   receive an annual salary to be fixed by the commission within the

5   appropriation made therefor.

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7   */s/ Everett*

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