

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

SENATE BILL 919

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5 By: Senator K. Smith
6 By: Representative King

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE
11 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMISSION; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 TO CREATE THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE
16 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ADVISORY
17 COMMISSION.

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

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23 SECTION 1. The Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Celebration Advisory
24 Commission is created for the purpose of enhancing awareness, educating the
25 public, increasing tourism, and promoting the significance and impact of the
26 Louisiana Purchase, an international historic occasion, for the people of
27 Arkansas, the United States, and the world.

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29 SECTION 2. The commission shall be composed of the following members:
30 (1) The Secretary of State, who shall chair the commission;
31 (2) The State Land Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
32 (3) The Director of the Department of Education, or the director's
33 designee;
34 (4) The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism, or the
35 director's designee;
36 (5) An employee of the Parks Division of the Department of Parks and

- 1 Tourism, to be designated by the Director;
- 2 (6) An employee of the Tourism Division of the Department of Parks and
- 3 Tourism, to be designated by the Director;
- 4 (7) The Director of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, or
- 5 the director's designee;
- 6 (8) The Director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage or the
- 7 director's designee;
- 8 (9) The Communications Director of the Department of Arkansas
- 9 Heritage;
- 10 (10) The Education Coordinator of the Department of Arkansas Heritage;
- 11 (11) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Education Television
- 12 Network or the director's designee;
- 13 (12) The State Forester, or the State Forester's designee;
- 14 (13) The Coordinator of the Public History Department of the
- 15 University of Arkansas at Little Rock;
- 16 (14) A faculty member of the History Department of the University of
- 17 Arkansas at Little Rock with a geography specialty, to be designated by the
- 18 Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock;
- 19 (15) A faculty member of the History Department of the University of
- 20 Arkansas at Little Rock, with a specialty in early Arkansas history, to be
- 21 designated by the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock;
- 22 (16) One (1) member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by
- 23 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 24 (17) One (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro
- 25 Tempore of the Senate;
- 26 (18) A member of the staff of the Congressperson from the First
- 27 Congressional district, to be designated by the Congressperson;
- 28 (19) A member of the faculty of Brinkley High School, to be designated
- 29 by the Superintendent of Schools of the Brinkley School District;
- 30 (20) The Superintendent of the Arkansas Post National Memorial;
- 31 (21) The Director of the Delta Cultural Center or the director's
- 32 designee;
- 33 (22) The manager of the White River National Refuge;
- 34 (23) The Director of the Arkansas Archaeological Society or the
- 35 director's designee;
- 36 (24) The Director of the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies or the

1 director's designee;

2 (25) A member of the Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors, to be
3 appointed by the president of the society;

4 (26) The Director of the Arkansas Post State Museum or the director's
5 designee; and

6 (27) Fifteen (15) additional members of the public at large who
7 currently serve on the Louisiana Purchase Celebration Design Advisory Team,
8 or are otherwise interested in the mission of the commission, to be appointed
9 by the Secretary of State.

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11 SECTION 3. The commission shall advise the Secretary of State and
12 other governmental and private entities regarding ways to:

13 (1) Recognize and highlight the lasting historical significance of the
14 Louisiana Purchase as it relates to Arkansas's role as the initial point of
15 the Louisiana Purchase survey through a series of educational, ceremonial,
16 and public events;

17 (2) Establish Arkansas as a leader in this event organization and to
18 coordinate with other states willing to participate for a unified approach to
19 celebration;

20 (3) Design a framework of activities to highlight a year-long event;

21 (4) Work with existing state agencies to develop educational
22 materials, lesson plans and educational programming to be distributed to
23 schools;

24 (5) Educate children and adults about the impact of the Louisiana
25 Purchase on history and heritage, economy, arts, sciences, culture and
26 government;

27 (6) Increase regional tourism around the Louisiana Purchase Historic
28 State Park; and

29 (7) Solicit contributions from foundations, granting agencies and
30 others interested in leaving a lasting legacy of celebration and education
31 through this event.

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33 SECTION 4. The Secretary of State shall provide staff for the
34 commission.

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36 SECTION 5. (a) The commission may hold meetings and act at times and

1 places as the Commission may find advisable to fulfill the requirements of
2 this act.

3 (b) The first meeting shall be held at the call of the Secretary of
4 State.

5 (c) The members shall not receive compensation for their work on the
6 commission.

7 (d) The minutes of the meetings and any reports of the commission
8 shall be filed with the Secretary of State and provided to all interested
9 organizations and agencies.

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11 SECTION 6. The commission and its duties shall expire on December 31,
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