

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 8th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2690

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5 By: Representatives Dangeau, Bolin, Boyd, Cook, Davenport, Mack, Rogers, Sullivan  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS  
10 LAW TO RENAME THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER  
11 CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO BECOME THE ARKANSAS  
12 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO RENAME THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND  
16 WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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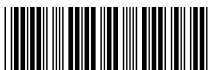
### SECTION 1. Legislative intent.

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23 (a) Since the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission was  
24 created by Act 1963, No. 14 the responsibilities of the commission have grown  
25 to include water planning, groundwater protection, floodplain management,  
26 nonpoint source pollution management, wetlands restoration, and financing of  
27 drinking water and sewer infrastructure as well as the financing of water  
28 treatment and collection facilities.

29 (b) The commission would more aptly be characterized by a name that  
30 describes the commission's mission to protect natural resources for the  
31 health, safety, and economic benefit of the state.  
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission renamed  
34 "Arkansas Natural Resources Commission".

35 (a)(1) The "Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission" as it is  
36 referred to or empowered throughout the Arkansas Code, is renamed.



1           (2) In its place, the "Arkansas Natural Resources Commission" is  
 2 established, succeeding to the general powers and responsibilities previously  
 3 assigned to the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

4           (3) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Soil and Water  
 5 Conservation Commission is directed to identify and revise all interagency  
 6 agreements, financial instruments, funds, and other necessary legal documents  
 7 in order to effect this change.

8           (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed as impairing the powers and  
 9 authorities of the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission before the  
 10 effective date of the name change.

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 12           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-20-201 is amended to read as follows:  
 13           15-20-201. Creation.

14           There is created and established at the seat of government of this  
 15 state a commission to be known as the ~~"Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation~~  
 16 ~~Commission"~~ "Arkansas Natural Resources Commission", hereinafter also  
 17 referred to as the "commission".

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 19           SECTION 4. (a) This act shall not be construed as impairing the  
 20 continued effectiveness of any regulations or orders promulgated or issued by  
 21 the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission before the effective date  
 22 of this act.

23           (b) This act shall not be construed as extinguishing or otherwise  
 24 affecting the unexpired terms of any current members of the Arkansas Soil and  
 25 Water Conservation Commission.

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 27           SECTION 5. The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall replace the  
 28 name "Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission" in all appropriate  
 29 sections of the Arkansas Code with the name "Arkansas Natural Resources  
 30 Commission".