

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
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 48

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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE
10 PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION; TO
11 REMOVE THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER EMERITUS; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE MEMBERSHIP OF
15 THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL
16 COMMISSION AND REMOVE THE POSITION OF
17 COMMISSIONER EMERITUS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-11-202 is amended to read as follows:
24 15-11-202. Members generally.

25 (a) ~~(1)(A)~~ The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission shall
26 consist of+

27 ~~(1)(A)~~ ~~Twelve~~ twelve (12) regular members, of whom at least:

28 (i) One (1) shall be an active newspaper staff
29 member, editorial worker, or editor;

30 (ii) One (1) shall be active in radio or television
31 broadcasting;

32 (iii) One (1) ~~shall be active in any recognized news~~
33 media in the state shall have a primary occupation that embraces the economic
34 development field of endeavor; and

35 (iv) Two (2) ~~whose primary occupation shall have~~
36 primary occupations that embrace the recreational or travel ~~field~~ fields of



1 endeavor.

2 (B) The members appointed to the commission pursuant to
 3 subdivisions(a)(1)(A)(i)-(iv) of this section shall represent each of the
 4 four (4) congressional districts of the state.

5 ~~(B)(i)(2)(A)~~ Vacancies occurring on the commission after
 6 August 1, 1985, shall be filled by the Governor in such manner that at least
 7 five (5) of the members of the commission shall be owners or operators of
 8 food service, lodging, or travel-oriented businesses.

9 ~~(ii)(B)~~ A travel-oriented business includes, but is
 10 not limited to, boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp grounds, tourist
 11 resorts, caves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms commonly known as
 12 tourist attractions.

13 ~~(iii)~~ The Governor also shall assure that at least
 14 one (1) of the members of the commission is active in the news media in this
 15 state.

16 ~~(iv)(3)(A)~~ Except as provided in subdivision
 17 (a)(3)(B) of this section, Subdivisions subdivisions (a)(1)(B)(i)-(iii) and
 18 (2) of this section shall not cut short the term of any member of the
 19 commission serving as such on August 1, 1985 September 1, 2005, but shall be
 20 implemented by the filling of vacancies.

21 (B) Persons serving on the commission as
 22 commissioners emeritus shall cease serving on the commission as of the
 23 effective date of this act.

24 ~~(2) One (1) member who is sixty (60) years of age or over, who~~
 25 ~~shall serve as a representative of the elderly and who shall not be actively~~
 26 ~~engaged in or retired from any of the professions set out in subdivision~~
 27 ~~(a)(1)(A) of this section; and~~

28 ~~(3) One (1) or more commissioner emeritus.~~

29 (b) Each member shall be a resident elector of this state and shall be
 30 appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

31 ~~(c) Each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state, as~~
 32 ~~established by Acts 1971, No. 23 [repealed], shall be represented on this~~
 33 ~~commission.~~

34 ~~(d)(c)(1)~~ All members appointed to the commission shall be appointed
 35 for terms of six (6) years.

36 (2) The term of office shall commence on January 15 following

1 the expiration date and shall end on January 14 of the sixth year following
2 the year in which the regular term commenced.

3 ~~(e)~~(d) Any vacancies arising in the membership of the commission for
4 any reason other than expiration of the regular terms for which members were
5 appointed shall be filled by appointment by the Governor and be thereafter
6 effective until the expiration of their regular terms, subject, however, to
7 the confirmation of the Senate when it is next in session.

8 ~~(f)~~(e) Before entering upon their respective duties, each member of
9 the commission shall take and subscribe and file in the office of the
10 Secretary of State an oath to support the Constitution of the United States
11 and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and to faithfully perform the
12 duties of the office upon which he or she is about to enter.

13 ~~(g)~~(f) Members of the commission shall not receive compensation for
14 their services but may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in
15 accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

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17 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-11-203 is repealed.

18 ~~15-11-203. Commissioner emeritus.~~

19 ~~(a) Any person who has served, is now serving, or serves in the future~~
20 ~~as a member for the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, as~~
21 ~~established by §§ 15-11-201, 15-11-202, and 15-11-204—15-11-207, or its~~
22 ~~predecessor commissions and who has served or serves twenty-four (24) years~~
23 ~~as a member of the commission or its predecessor commissions shall be known~~
24 ~~and designated as a "commissioner emeritus".~~

25 ~~(b) A commissioner emeritus shall serve as a member of the commission~~
26 ~~for the remainder of his or her life and shall be notified of all commission~~
27 ~~meetings and is entitled to the same expenses and other allowances for~~
28 ~~attending commission meetings as is provided by law for other commission~~
29 ~~members.~~

30 ~~(c) The Governor shall cause an appropriate commission to be prepared~~
31 ~~and issued to each commissioner emeritus of the commission. The commissioner~~
32 ~~emeritus shall file the commission with the Secretary of State and take the~~
33 ~~official oath of office before entering upon his or her duties as a~~
34 ~~commissioner emeritus.~~

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