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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1303

5 By: Representatives Lenderman, H. Wilkins, Gaskill, Ratliff  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THAT THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS  
9 DISTRICT FAIR SHALL BE HELD IN CRAIGHEAD *COUNTY*; *TO*  
10 *DECLARE AN EMERGENCY*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO ESTABLISH THAT THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS  
15 DISTRICT FAIR SHALL BE HELD IN CRAIGHEAD  
16 *COUNTY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-36-302(a) and (b), concerning the  
22 permanent location of the Northeast Arkansas District Fair, are amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (a)(1) There is created the Northeast Arkansas District Fair Advisory  
25 Board to be composed of ~~thirty-one (31)~~ the following members:

- 26 (A) ~~Five (5) members~~ One (1) member from Mississippi  
27 County;  
28 (B) ~~Four (4) members~~ One (1) member from Craighead County;  
29 (C) ~~Two (2) members~~ One (1) member from Greene County;  
30 (D) One (1) member from Clay County;  
31 (E) ~~Three (3) members~~ One (1) member from Crittenden  
32 County;  
33 (F) ~~Two (2) members~~ One (1) member from St. Francis  
34 County;  
35 (G) One (1) member from Cross County;  
36 (H) ~~Two (2) members~~ One (1) member from Poinsett County;



1 (I) ~~Two (2) members~~ One (1) member from Jackson County;  
 2 (J) ~~Two (2) members from Independence County;~~  
 3 ~~(K)~~ One (1) member from Lawrence County;  
 4 ~~(L)~~(K) One (1) member from Randolph County;  
 5 ~~(M)~~(L) One (1) member from Lee County;  
 6 ~~(N)~~(M) One (1) member from Woodruff County; and  
 7 ~~(O)~~(N) ~~Three (3) members~~ One (1) member from White County.

8 (2)(A) The county fair board of each county shall select the  
 9 person from that county to be a member of the Northeast Arkansas District  
 10 Fair Advisory Board.

11 (B) If any county does not have a county fair board, the  
 12 county judge of that county shall appoint that county's representative to the  
 13 ~~board~~ Northeast Arkansas District Fair Advisory Board.

14 (C)(i) There is created an executive board that shall be  
 15 comprised of the members of the county fair board of the county in which the  
 16 Northeast Arkansas District Fair is located.

17 (ii) The executive board shall be responsible for  
 18 the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the Northeast Arkansas District  
 19 Fair fairgrounds.

20 (3) Members of the ~~board~~ Northeast Arkansas District Fair  
 21 Advisory Board shall serve four-year terms, and any vacancies arising in the  
 22 ~~board~~ Northeast Arkansas District Fair Advisory Board membership shall be  
 23 filled in the same manner as were the original appointments.

24 (b)(1) In all matters, the fair shall be subject to the rules ~~and~~  
 25 ~~regulations~~ of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and otherwise  
 26 conducted in the same manner as other district fairs.

27 ~~(2)(4)~~ The location of the Northeast Arkansas District Fair  
 28 shall be ~~determined by the Northeast Arkansas District Fair Advisory Board~~  
 29 ~~under the provisions of this section~~ in Craighead County.

30 ~~(B)(i) Determination of the location and the date of the~~  
 31 ~~fair shall be by a vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the board~~  
 32 ~~(ii) A quorum shall be sixteen (16) members.~~

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 34 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 35 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Independence County has made  
 36 the decision to move to a different district fair; that the Northeast

1 Arkansas District Fair needs to be able to ensure that its operations  
2 continue to run in an efficient manner; and that this act is immediately  
3 necessary because the Northeast Arkansas District Fair Board and executive  
4 board need to be able to make the necessary preparations and advise the  
5 participants, vendors, and community of changes in a timely manner.  
6 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately  
7 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
8 become effective on:

9 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

10 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
11 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
12 bill; or

13 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
14 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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16 /s/Lenderman  
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