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2	88th General Assembly A Bill			
3	Regular Session, 2011 SE	ENATE BILL 119		
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5	By: Senator L. Chesterfield			
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled			
8	AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF			
9	WOMEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.			
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13	TO CREATE THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF			
14	WOMEN.			
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:			
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19	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 84, is amended	l to add an		
20	additional subchapter to read as follows:			
21	20-84-201. Purpose.			
22	The purpose of this subchapter is to create the Commission	on the		
23	Status of Women to conduct ongoing studies of matters concerning	women and to		
24	share these studies with other states that have created similar	commissions.		
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26	<u>20-84-202. Creation — Members.</u>			
27	(a) The Commission on the Status of Women is created.			
28	(b) The commission shall consist of the following non-leg	<u>islative</u>		
29	members:			
30	(1) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor;			
31	(2) Three (3) members appointed by the President Pr	o Tempore of		
32	the Senate; and			
33	(3) Three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of t	he House of		
34	Representatives.			
35	(c)(1) Of the initial appointees to the commission by the Governor:			
36	(A) One (1) member shall serve a term of one	(1) year;		

1	(B) One (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years;			
2	<u>and</u>			
3	(C) One (1) member shall serve a term of three (3) years.			
4	(2) Of the initial appointees to the commission by the President			
5	Pro Tempore of the Senate:			
6	(A) One (1) member shall serve a term of one (1) year;			
7	(B) One (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years;			
8	and and			
9	(C) One (1) members shall serve a term of three (3) years.			
10	(3) Of the initial appointees to the commission by the Speaker			
11	of the House of Representatives:			
12	(A) One (1) member shall serve a term of one (1) year;			
13	(B) One (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years;			
14	<u>and</u>			
15	(C) One (1) member shall serve a term of three (3) years.			
16	(4) Each succeeding appointment to the commission shall be for a			
17	term of three (3) years, but the member appointed shall serve until the			
18	member's successor is appointed.			
19	(5) Of the initial members appointed by each appointing			
20	authority, the appointing authority shall determine which member serves a			
21	one-year term, which member serves a two-year term, and which member serves			
22	three-year term.			
23	(6) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the			
24	appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the term in which it			
25	occurs.			
26	(d)(l) The Governor shall designate one (l) of his or her appointees			
27	to the commission to:			
28	(A) Call the first meeting of the commission; and			
29	(B) Serve as chair at the first meeting.			
30	(2)(A) At the first meeting, the members of the commission shall			
31	elect from its membership a chair and a vice chair.			
32	(B) The chair and the vice chair shall each serve for a			
33	term of two (2) years.			
34	(3) The commission shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County			
35	at the State Capitol or via teleconference or web conference as technology			
36	becomes available and as desired to allow for scheduling flexibility for its			

1	members.		
2	(4) The commission shall meet at least quarterly or as decided		
3	upon by the commission.		
4	(e) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a		
5	quorum for transacting business of the commission.		
6	(f) All state agencies shall furnish to the commission and its staff		
7	any information and assistance the commission or its staff may reasonably		
8	request.		
9	(g) The members of the commission shall not be entitled to		
10	compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for any expenses		
11	incurred in the performance of their duties if non-state funds are available.		
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13	<u>20-84-203.</u> Duties.		
14	(a) The Commission on the Status of Women shall:		
15	(1) Study, review, and report on the status of women in		
16	Arkansas;		
17	(2) Inform leaders of business, education, health care, state		
18	and local governments, and the communications media of issues pertaining to		
19	women;		
20	(3) Serve as a liaison between government and private interest		
21	groups concerned with issues affecting women;		
22	(4) Serve as a clearinghouse for information on issues		
23	pertaining to women;		
24	(5) Advise the Governor and the General Assembly on the effect		
25	on women of proposed legislation; and		
26	(6) Promote and facilitate collaboration among local women's		
27	commissions and among women's organizations in the state.		
28	(b) The commission shall report by October 1 of each even-numbered		
29	year beginning in 2012 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the		
30	Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the results of its		
31	findings and activities and any of its recommendations.		
32	(c)(1) The commission may accept and solicit funds, including gifts,		
33	donations, grants, or bequests, or any federal funds, to carry out its		
34	<u>duties.</u>		
35	(2) The funds shall be deposited into a separate account with		
36	the Treasurer of State and be expended by the commission in accordance with		

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