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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 950

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6 By: Representative Leding

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON  
10 LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

14 TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON  
15 LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW.

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

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20 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Task Force on Landlord and  
21 Tenant Law – Creation – Membership – Duties.

22 (a) There is created the "Legislative Task Force on Landlord and  
23 Tenant Law".

24 (b)(1) The task force shall consist of the following members:

25 (A) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

26 (B) The Chair of the House Judiciary Committee or the  
27 chair's designee;

28 (C) The Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee or the  
29 chair's designee;

30 (D) The Chair of the Non-Legislative Commission on the  
31 Study of Landlord-Tenant Law created by Act 1198 of 2011 or the chair's  
32 designee;

33 (E) The Vice Chair of the Non-Legislative Commission for  
34 the Study of Landlord-Tenant Law or the vice chair's designee;

35 (F) A circuit judge who regularly hears unlawful detainer  
36 cases, to be appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the



1 Courts;

2 (G) The Chair of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on  
3 Civil Practice or the chair’s designee;

4 (H) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Access to  
5 Justice Commission or the executive director’s designee;

6 (I) An Arkansas attorney who regularly represents  
7 residential tenants, to be appointed by the President of the Arkansas Bar  
8 Association;

9 (J) An Arkansas attorney who regularly represents  
10 residential landlords, to be appointed by the President of the Arkansas Bar  
11 Association;

12 (K) A district court judge, to be appointed by the  
13 Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; and

14 (L) All former commissioners of the Non-Legislative  
15 Commission on the Study of Landlord-Tenant Law who agree to serve.

16 (2) If any vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall  
17 be filled by the same process as the original appointment.

18 (3) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

19 (c)(1) The Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee or the chair’s  
20 designee shall call the first meeting within thirty (30) days of the  
21 effective date of this act and shall serve as chair at the first meeting.

22 (2) At the first meeting, the members of the task force shall  
23 elect from its membership a chair and other officers as needed for the  
24 transaction of its business.

25 (3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski  
26 County at the State Capitol or another site with teleconferencing  
27 capabilities.

28 (B) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every two  
29 (2) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

30 (4) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for  
31 conducting its business.

32 (5) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute  
33 a quorum for transacting business of the task force.

34 (6) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for  
35 the task force.

36 (d) The task force shall:

1           (1) Study the recommendations of the Non-Legislative Commission  
2 on the Study of Landlord-Tenant Law;

3           (2) Draft proposed legislation based upon:

4           (A) Any recommendations of the commission that were not  
5 enacted into law during the Regular Session of the Eighty-Ninth General  
6 Assembly;

7           (B) Provisions of the Uniform Residential Landlord Tenant  
8 Act or Revised Uniform Residential Landlord Act that are in accordance with  
9 the recommendations of the commission; or

10           (C) A recommendation of the task force; and

11           (3) Provide the General Assembly a detailed, written explanation  
12 of recommended legislation.

13           (e) On or before September 1, 2014, the task force shall file with the  
14 Legislative Council a written report of its activities, recommendations,  
15 draft legislation, and explanations.

16           (f) The task force expires on December 31, 2014.

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