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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1464

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
10 MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL
11 COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PARKS,
17 RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-11-202, as amended by Act 2015, No. 17,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 15-11-202. Members generally.

25 (a) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission shall consist
26 of:

27 ~~(1)(A) Thirteen (13)~~ Fifteen (15) regular members, of whom at
28 least:

29 ~~(i)(1) One (1) is an active newspaper staff member,~~
30 ~~editorial worker, or editor~~ Four (4) are active in media, including without
31 limitation newspaper, television, or radio;

32 ~~(ii) One (1) is active in radio or television~~
33 ~~broadcasting;~~

34 ~~(iii) One (1) is active in a recognized news media~~
35 ~~in the state or in the video service provider industry;~~

36 ~~(iv)(2) Two (2)~~ Seven (7) whose primary occupation



1 ~~is the recreational or travel field of endeavor~~ have primary occupations in
 2 tourism, including without limitation:

3 (A) Persons having occupations in the recreational or
 4 travel field of endeavor; and

5 (B) Owners or operators of food service, lodging, or
 6 travel-oriented businesses such as boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp
 7 grounds, tourist resorts, caves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms
 8 commonly known as tourist attractions; and

9 ~~(v)~~(3) One (1) is an a historian with knowledge of
 10 Arkansas's historic background;

11 (4) One (1) is a representative of either employment or
 12 avocation in recreation and conservation;

13 (5) One (1) is a representative of either employment or
 14 avocation in arts and culture; and

15 (6) One (1) is sixty (60) years of age or over, serving as a
 16 representative of the elderly who shall not be actively engaged in or retired
 17 from the professions set out in subdivisions (a)(1)-(5) of this section.

18 ~~(B)(i) The governor shall fill any vacancies occurring on~~
 19 ~~the commission after August 1, 1985, so that at least five (5) of the members~~
 20 ~~of the commission are owners or operators of food service, lodging, or~~
 21 ~~travel-oriented businesses.~~

22 ~~(ii) A travel-oriented business includes without~~
 23 ~~limitation boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp grounds, tourist resorts,~~
 24 ~~eaves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms commonly known as tourist~~
 25 ~~attractions.~~

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

29 ~~(iv) Subdivisions (a)(1)(B)(i)-(iii) of this section~~
 30 ~~shall not cut short the term of any member of the commission serving as such~~
 31 ~~on August 1, 1985, but shall be implemented by the filling of vacancies;~~

32 ~~(2) One (1) member who is sixty (60) years of age or over, who~~
 33 ~~shall serve as a representative of the elderly and who is not be actively~~
 34 ~~engaged in or retired from any of the professions under subdivision (a)(1)(A)~~
 35 ~~of this section; and~~

36 ~~(3) One (1) or more commissioners emeriti if designated under §~~

1 ~~15-11-203.~~

2 (b) In addition to the membership under subsection (a) of this
 3 section, the membership of the commission may include one (1) or more
 4 commissioners emeriti if designated under § 15-11-303.

5 ~~(b)(c)~~ Each member of the commission shall be:

6 (1) a A resident elector of this state; and

7 (2) shall be appointed Appointed by the Governor by and with the
 8 advice and consent of the Senate.

9 ~~(e)(d)~~ Each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state, ~~as~~
 10 ~~established by Acts 1971, No. 23 [repealed],~~ shall be represented on ~~this~~ the
 11 membership of the commission.

12 ~~(d)(1)(e)(1)~~ All members appointed to the commission shall be
 13 appointed for terms of six (6) years.

14 (2) The term of office shall commence on January 15 following
 15 the expiration date and shall end on January 14 of the sixth year following
 16 the year in which the regular term commenced.

17 ~~(e)(f)~~ Any vacancies arising in the membership of the commission for
 18 any reason other than expiration of the regular terms for which members were
 19 appointed shall be filled by appointment by the Governor and be thereafter
 20 effective until the expiration of their regular terms, subject, however, to
 21 the confirmation of the Senate when it is next in session.

22 ~~(f)(g)~~ Before entering upon their respective duties, each member of
 23 the commission shall take and subscribe and file in the office of the
 24 Secretary of State an oath to support the Constitution of the United States
 25 and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and to faithfully perform the
 26 duties of the office upon which he or she is about to enter.

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

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 31 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall:

32 (1) Become effective on January 1, 2016; and

33 (2) Not shorten the term of any member of the State Parks,
 34 Recreations, and Travel Commission serving on January 1, 2016, but shall be
 35 implemented by the filling of vacancies.