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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 403

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BIKEWAYS COMMISSION;  
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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12 ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BIKEWAYS  
13 COMMISSION.  
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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 15, Chapter 11, is amended to add an  
20 additional subchapter to read as follows:  
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#### Subchapter 10 – Arkansas Bikeways Commission

##### 15-11-1001. Creation – Powers and duties.

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25 (a) There is created the Arkansas Bikeways Commission.

26 (b) The commission shall:

27 (1) Actively promote the state as a destination for bicycling  
28 tourism;

29 (2) Actively promote the economic development benefits of  
30 bicycling tourism in the state;

31 (3) Make recommendations on the implementation of the State  
32 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, including without limitation recommendations  
33 concerning:

34 (A) Bicycling safety;

35 (B) Bicycling education; and

36 (C) Developing the best practices and policy regarding



1 bicycling;

2 (4) Educate the community on the important benefits and  
3 interests related to bicycling, including without limitation:

4 (A) Road and trail safety;

5 (B) Strengthening rural communities;

6 (C) Stewardship of the natural environment;

7 (D) Healthy lifestyles;

8 (E) Bicycle use for daily transportation; and

9 (F) Close-to-home recreation.

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11 15-11-1002. Arkansas Bikeways Commission – Members.

12 (a) The Arkansas Bikeways Commission shall consist of:

13 (1) The following six (6) members to be appointed by the  
14 Governor and confirmed by the Senate:

15 (A) One (1) member who is actively involved in the  
16 hospitality industry;

17 (B) One (1) member who is a representative of the Arkansas  
18 State Chamber of Commerce or other state or regional organization focused on  
19 economic vitality;

20 (C) One (1) member who is an active newspaper, radio,  
21 television, or other media employee;

22 (D) One (1) member who is an owner or employee of a  
23 retailer, manufacturer, tour service, or repair service of bicycles;

24 (E) One (1) member who is a board member or employee of a  
25 recognized state association promoting cycling interest; and

26 (F) One (1) member who is an interested community member  
27 who is at least eighteen (18) years of age but less than twenty-five (25)  
28 years of age at the time of his or her appointment to the commission;

29 (2) One (1) member appointed by the Chair of the House Committee  
30 on Public Transportation;

31 (3) One (1) member appointed by the Chair of the Senate  
32 Committee on Public Transportation, Technology, and Legislative Affairs;

33 (4) One (1) member appointed by the Chair of the House Committee  
34 on City, County, and Local Affairs;

35 (5) One (1) member appointed by appointed by the Chair of the  
36 Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs;

1           (6) The Director of the Arkansas State Highway and  
2 Transportation Department or his or her designee;

3           (7) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism  
4 or his or her designee; and

5           (8) The Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
6 or his or her designee.

7           (b) Each member of the commission shall be a resident of this state.

8           (c) The members appointed to the commission shall be appointed for  
9 terms of four (4) years.

10          (d)(1) A vacancy on the commission for any reason other than  
11 expiration of the regular term of appointment shall be filled in the manner  
12 of the original appointment.

13          (2)(A) The term of the member appointed under subdivision (d)(1)  
14 of this section shall expire upon the regular term of the member he or she  
15 replaced.

16                   (B) The confirmation of a member appointed under  
17 subdivision (d)(1) of this section by the Governor shall occur when the  
18 Senate is next in session.

19          (e) Before performing duties on behalf of the commission, a member of  
20 the commission shall take and file in the office of the Secretary of State an  
21 oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of  
22 the State of Arkansas and to faithfully perform the duties of the office upon  
23 which he or she is about to enter.

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

27          (g) The commission shall be staffed by the Department of Parks and  
28 Tourism.

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30          15-11-1003. Organization – Meetings.

31          (a) The Arkansas Bikeways Commission shall select from its membership  
32 a chair and a vice chair.

33          (b) The commission shall:

34                   (1) Adopt rules for the conduct of its business; and

35                   (2)(A) Keep a record of its transactions, findings, and  
36 determinations.

