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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 430

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE NAMING OF  
9 PUBLIC FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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12 PUBLIC FACILITIES.  
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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 § 25-1-121 is amended to read as follows:

20 25-1-121. Naming of public buildings, structures, airports, or  
21 facilities.  
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23 (a) As used in this section, "public funds" means any funds, moneys,  
24 receivables, grants, investments, instruments, real or personal property, or  
25 other assets, liabilities, equities, revenues, receipts, or disbursements  
26 belonging to, held by, or passed through an entity of the state or a  
political subdivision of the state.

27 (b) A building, structure, or facility paid for in whole or in part  
28 with public funds shall not be named for an individual living at the time of  
29 completion of the building, structure, or facility who, in the ten (10) years  
30 preceding the construction of the public building, structure, or facility:

31 (1) Was elected by qualified electors to a federal, state,  
32 county, or municipal office or held a federal, state, county, or municipal  
33 office; and

34 (2) Received a salary for his or her service in the federal,  
35 state, county, or municipal office.

36 (c) A municipal airport paid for in whole or in part with public funds



1 shall not be named for an individual living at the time the municipal airport  
 2 is named, if the individual:

3 (1) Was elected by qualified electors to a federal, state,  
 4 county, or municipal office or held a federal, state, county, or municipal  
 5 office; and

6 (2) Received a salary for his or her service in the federal,  
 7 state, county, or municipal office.

8 ~~(e)~~(d) This section shall not apply to:

9 (1) A building, structure, airport, or facility that concerns an  
 10 individual living at the time of completion of the building, structure, or  
 11 facility and has historical significance, including without limitation that  
 12 individual's birthplace;

13 (2) The naming of a building, structure, airport, or facility  
 14 after an individual:

15 (A) Who is or has been a prisoner of war; or

16 (B) Who is:

17 (i) At least seventy-five (75) years of age; and

18 (ii) Retired; or

19 (3) A building, structure, airport, or facility for which at  
 20 least fifty percent (50%) of the funds used to pay for the building,  
 21 structure, airport, or facility are private funds.

22 ~~(d)~~(e) This section shall not be construed to prevent an entity  
 23 receiving public funds from placing an individual's name upon a commemorative  
 24 object, including without limitation a brick, used in a building, structure,  
 25 airport, or facility, in exchange for a donation to the entity.

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 27 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY.

28 A municipal airport named after an individual described under § 25-1-  
 29 121(c) at the time this act becomes effective shall be renamed by the  
 30 commission of the municipal airport by January 1, 2018.