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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS
9 NEWSPAPER RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO REPEAL THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS
15 NEWSPAPER RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 8, Chapter 9, Subchapter 5, is
21 repealed.

22 ~~8-9-501.—Creation.~~

23 ~~Recognizing that the recycling of newsprint, the use of recycled~~
24 ~~content newsprint, and the use of soy-based ink is a mutual concern to the~~
25 ~~State of Arkansas and the Arkansas newspaper industry, there is hereby~~
26 ~~created the Arkansas Newspaper Recycling Advisory Committee, which shall act~~
27 ~~in an advisory capacity to the Marketing Recyclables Program of the~~
28 ~~Compliance Advisory Panel.~~

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30 ~~8-9-502.—Members.~~

31 ~~The Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality shall~~
32 ~~appoint the Arkansas Newspaper Recycling Advisory Committee consisting of:~~

33 ~~(1) The Chief of the Marketing Division of the Arkansas~~
34 ~~Department of Environmental Quality or his or her designee;~~

35 ~~(2) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Press Association,~~
36 ~~Inc. or his or her designee; and~~



1 ~~(3)(A) At least six (6) members representing the Arkansas~~
2 ~~newspaper industry and newsprint manufacturers doing business in Arkansas.~~

3 ~~(B) Provided, however, these members shall be selected~~
4 ~~from a list of names of potential members to be provided by the President of~~
5 ~~the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Press Association, Inc.~~

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7 ~~8-9-503. Purpose.~~

8 ~~The Arkansas Newspaper Recycling Advisory Committee shall meet as~~
9 ~~necessary to monitor the use of recycled content newsprint and soy-based ink~~
10 ~~in the state in relation to the following goals:~~

11 ~~(1) To increase the use of recycled content newsprint in~~
12 ~~Arkansas;~~

13 ~~(2) To increase the use of soy-based ink in Arkansas;~~

14 ~~(3) To increase the demand for recycled newsprint in Arkansas;~~

15 ~~(4) To increase the availability of recycled content newsprint~~
16 ~~in Arkansas; and~~

17 ~~(5) To identify, develop, and advance initiatives to recycle and~~
18 ~~reuse old newspapers.~~

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20 ~~8-9-504. Schedule of compliance.~~

21 ~~The Arkansas Newspaper Recycling Advisory Committee shall develop a~~
22 ~~schedule of compliance for newspapers printed on newsprint in Arkansas to~~
23 ~~phase in increased percentages of recycled fiber in their newsprint.~~

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25 ~~8-9-505. Attainment of goals.~~

26 ~~The Arkansas Newspaper Recycling Advisory Committee shall formulate a~~
27 ~~plan for an annual reporting of the progress toward the stated goals of this~~
28 ~~subchapter. Provided, however, that attainment of the percentage goals~~
29 ~~established by the committee shall be dependent upon recycled newsprint being~~
30 ~~available to Arkansas newspapers at a reasonable price, in reasonable~~
31 ~~quality, and in reasonable quantity as determined by the committee.~~

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33 ~~8-9-506. Achievement of purpose.~~

34 ~~In cooperation with the Marketing Recyclables Program of the Compliance~~
35 ~~Advisory Panel, the Arkansas Newspaper Recycling Advisory Committee shall~~
36 ~~develop and implement a plan to achieve the purposes of this subchapter.~~