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A Bill

SENATE BILL 71

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT
9 OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS SET OUT
10 IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 42; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE
16 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE
17 HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS SET OUT IN ARKANSAS
18 CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 42.
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21 WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, which creates the State
22 Highway Commission and prescribes the qualifications and manner of
23 appointment of members of the commission, provides that the commission be
24 composed of five (5) members to be appointed from the state at large and that
25 no two (2) commissioners be appointed from a single congressional district;
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28 WHEREAS, the congressional districts in the state have been subject to
29 redistricting since the enactment of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42; and
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31 WHEREAS, the intent of the requirement under Arkansas Constitution,
32 Amendment 42, that no two (2) members be appointed from a single
33 congressional district was to assure equal representation on the commission
34 of all parts of the state; and
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36 WHEREAS, to accomplish the intent of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment



1 42, concerning the appointment of the commission members, it is necessary
2 that the General Assembly enact legislation to clarify the residency
3 requirements for persons appointed to the commission,
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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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8 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-65-104(a), concerning the members
9 appointed to the State Highway Commission, is amended to read as follows:

10 (a) ~~All appointments to the State Highway Commission shall be based~~
11 ~~upon the four (4) congressional districts as defined on July 20, 1979.~~
12 ~~Appointments~~ All appointments to the commission State Highway Commission
13 shall be made so as to assure that, ~~at the earliest possible date,~~ the
14 commission shall be composed of:

15 (1) ~~one~~ One (1) member from each of the four (4) congressional
16 districts as the districts exist at the time of a member's appointment; and

17 (2) ~~one~~ One (1) member from the state at large.
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