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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1442

5 By: Representative Bentley
6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TAKING OF
10 MINERALS, TIMBER, OR OTHER RESOURCES ON STATE-OWNED
11 PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TAKING OF
16 MINERALS, TIMBER, OR OTHER RESOURCES ON
17 STATE-OWNED PROPERTY.
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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 § 22-5-801, concerning leases and permits for
23 the taking of minerals, timber, and other resources, is amended to add an
24 additional subsection to read as follows:

25 (c) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

26 (1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow
27 for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the
28 electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and
29 other required material relating to sand and gravel extraction;

30 (2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the filing of all
31 bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and
32 payments relating to sand and gravel extraction; and

33 (3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required
34 under subdivision (c)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access
35 to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production
36 reports, and payments relating to sand and gravel extraction.



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-5-801, concerning leases and permits for
3 the taking of minerals, timber, and other resources, is amended to add an
4 additional subsection to read as follows:

5 (d) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

6 (1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow
7 for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the
8 electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and
9 other required material relating to the extraction of oil, natural gas,
10 casinghead gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs;

11 (2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the electronic
12 filing of all bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production
13 reports, and payments relating to the extraction of oil, natural gas,
14 casinghead gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs; and

15 (3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required
16 under subdivision (d)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access
17 to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production
18 reports, and payments relating to the extraction oil, natural gas, casinghead
19 gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs.

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21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 22-5-802, concerning leases and permits and
22 exemptions for state agencies, is amended to add an additional subsection to
23 read as follows:

24 (d) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

25 (1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow
26 for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the
27 electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and
28 other required material relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals
29 extraction;

30 (2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the filing of all
31 bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and
32 payments relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals extraction;
33 and

34 (3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required
35 under subdivision (d)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access
36 to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production

1 reports, and payments relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals
2 extraction.

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4 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-5-808(b)(1), concerning leases and
5 permits, records, fees, and the disposition of funds, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (b)(1) The person, firm, company, corporation, or association making
8 application or filing a competitive bid for a lease or permit with the State
9 of Arkansas shall pay a fee to cover the cost of processing its application
10 and providing public notice.

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12 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 22-5-811 is repealed.

13 ~~22-5-811. Leases and permits—Existing ones to continue.~~

14 ~~Any person, firm, company, corporation, state agency, or other business~~
15 ~~entity holding a lease or permit on March 21, 1975, for the taking or~~
16 ~~production of any sand, gravel, minerals, or timber or logs from state-owned~~
17 ~~lands shall be permitted to continue to take or produce sand, gravel,~~
18 ~~minerals, or timber or logs from state-owned lands in accordance with the~~
19 ~~existing lease or permit.~~

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21 /s/Bentley
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