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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-4-202(b)(2), concerning the membership of the Compact for Education Commissioners of Arkansas, is amended to read as follows:

(2) One ~~(1) member of the House of Representatives to be designated~~ appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one (1) member ~~of the Senate of the State of Arkansas to be designated~~ appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, each of whom shall serve until the next regular biennial session of the General Assembly at which their successors shall be ~~designated~~ appointed in the same manner;

SECTION 2. Article II of Arkansas Code § 15-2-101, concerning the membership of the Southern Growth Policies Board, is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II The Board



(a) There is hereby created the Southern Growth Policies Board, hereinafter called "the board."

(b) The board shall consist of five (5) members from each party state, as follows:

1. The Governor;

2. ~~Two (2) members of the state legislature, one~~ One (1) member appointed by the ~~presiding officer of each house of the legislature~~ Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve at his pleasure ~~or in such other manner as the legislature may provide;~~

3. One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve at his pleasure; and

~~3.4.~~ Two (2) residents of the state who shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure.

(c) In making appointments pursuant to paragraph (b) 3, a Governor shall, to the greatest extent practicable, select persons who, along with the other members serving pursuant to paragraph (b), will make the state's representation on the board broadly representative of the several socio-economic elements within his state.

(d)

1. A Governor may be represented by an alternate with power to act in his place and stead, if notice of the designation of such alternate is given to the board in such manner as its bylaws may provide.

~~2. A legislative member of the board may be represented by an alternate with power to act in his place and stead, unless the laws of his state prohibit such representation and if notice of the designation of such alternate is given to the board in such manner as its bylaws may provide. An alternate for a legislative member of the board shall be selected by the member from among the members of the legislative house in which he serves.~~

~~3.2.~~ A member of the board serving pursuant to paragraph (b) 3 of this Article may be represented by another resident of his state who may participate in his place and stead, except that he shall not vote; provided that notice of the identity and designation of the representative selected by the member is given to the board in such manner as its bylaws may provide.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-10-402 is amended to read as follows:

15-10-402. Arkansas board members.

(a) The three (3) Arkansas members on the Southern States Energy Board shall be selected as follows:

(1) The Governor shall be ex officio a member of the board, or the Governor, at his or her discretion, may name some other resident elector of this state to serve on the board in his or her place, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

(2)(A) ~~At each regular session of the General Assembly, the~~ The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall name appoint one (1) member thereof resident elector of this state to serve on the board.

(B) This member shall serve until the convening of the next regular session of the General Assembly or until his or her successor is appointed; and

(3)(A) ~~At each regular session of the General Assembly, the~~ The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall name appoint one (1) member of the Senate resident elector of this state to serve on the board ~~for a term of two (2) years.~~

(B) This member shall serve until the convening of the next regular session of the General Assembly or until his or her successor is appointed.

(b) Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the manner provided herein for the initial appointment.

(c)(1) ~~Legislative members~~ Members of the board appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses for meals, lodging, travel, and related expenses for attending board meetings, with these expenses to be paid from funds available to ~~their respective houses~~ the house of the member of the General Assembly appointing the respective member of the board.

(2)(A) The Governor or the member of the board appointed to serve in the place of the Governor shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in attending board meetings.

(B) These expenses shall be payable from funds available for the support of the Governor's office or from funds available to a state agency if the member appointed to serve on the board in the place of the Governor is an official or employee of a state agency.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 26-5-104(a), concerning the membership of the Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is established a Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee of this state composed of:

(1) The member of the Multistate Tax Commission representing this state or any alternate designated by him or her;

(2) The Attorney General or his or her designee;

(3)~~(A)~~ Two (2) ~~members of the Senate~~ persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(B) A person appointed under subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section shall serve a term a term of two (2) years.

(C) A vacancy shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment; and

(4)~~(A)~~ Two (2) ~~members of the House of Representatives~~ persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) A person appointed under subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section shall serve a term a term of two (2) years.

(C) A vacancy shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

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