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A Bill

SENATE BILL 92

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE AID STREETS LAW; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE STATE AID STREETS LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-72-401(6)(B), concerning the definition of "state aid streets", is amended to read as follows:

(B) "State aid streets" include those routes that:

(i) Are particularly essential to the conservation and development of economic and social value;

(ii) Encourage desirable land utilization; and

(iii) Have in addition one (1) or more of the following characteristics:

(a) Extend to communities within ~~and~~ or beyond the municipality;

(b) Connect with roads of major importance to municipalities or to counties;

(c) Connect with state highways to form a complete network of main feeder roads;

(d) Carry heavy volumes of traffic serving major business interests of the municipality; or

(e) Collect traffic at reasonable intervals from several local streets.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-72-403 is amended to read as follows:
27-72-403. State Aid Division.

There is created in the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department a division to be known as the "State Aid Division", ~~subject to the availability and appropriation of funding.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-72-407(a), concerning the State Aid Street Fund, is amended to read as follows;

(a) There is created in the State Treasury, ~~subject to the availability and appropriation of funding,~~ a fund to be known as the "State Aid Street Fund", there to be used for construction, reconstruction, and improvements of the state aid street system.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-72-413(c), concerning allocation of state aid, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) The committee shall be established to select the state aid street projects for submittal to the state aid engineer for funding and construction pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter.

(2)(A) The committee shall consist of nine (9) mayors to be appointed as follows:

- (i) Three (3) mayors appointed by the Governor;
- (ii) Three (3) mayors appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- (iii) Three (3) mayors appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(B) The Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint at least one (1) mayor from a municipality with a population in excess of twenty-five thousand (25,000).

(3)(A) Each appointed mayor shall serve a term of four (4) years.

(B) A mayor shall be eligible to serve two (2) full terms of four (4) years on the committee.

(C) ~~However, every four (4) years a new committee shall be formed as set out in this section~~ Committee members shall serve staggered

terms.

(D) Should a mayor selected for the committee leave office before the end of his or her term, the party who made the original nomination shall appoint a successor mayor to serve the remainder of the term.

(4) The committee shall select a chair and a vice chair by majority vote to serve a term of one (1) year.

(5) A quorum is necessary to transact the business of the committee.

(6) ~~Subject to the availability and appropriation of funding, the committee shall begin to meet and meet at least quarterly each year~~ The committee shall meet at least two (2) times each calendar year.

SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. Members of the State Aid Street Committee shall serve staggered terms of four (4) years to be determined by lot at a September 2015 meeting and in a manner to result in an equal number of terms expiring each year beginning on December 31, 2015, until fully staggered.

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