

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1464

By: Representative Linck
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL
COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PARKS,
RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-11-202, as amended by Act 2015, No. 17,
is amended to read as follows:

15-11-202. Members generally.

(a) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission shall consist
of:

~~(1)(A) Thirteen (13)~~ Fifteen (15) regular members, of whom at
least:

~~(i)(1) One (1) is an active newspaper staff member,
editorial worker, or editor~~ Four (4) are active in media, including without
limitation newspaper, television, radio, Internet, or the video service
provider industry;

~~(ii) One (1) is active in radio or television
broadcasting;~~

~~(iii) One (1) is active in a recognized news media
in the state or in the video service provider industry;~~



~~(iv)(2) Two (2) Seven (7) whose primary occupation is the recreational or travel field of endeavor have primary occupations in tourism, including without limitation:~~

~~(A) Persons having occupations in the recreational or travel field of endeavor; and~~

~~(B) Owners or operators of food service, lodging, or travel-oriented businesses such as boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp grounds, tourist resorts, caves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms commonly known as tourist attractions; and~~

~~(v)(3) One (1) is an a historian with knowledge of Arkansas's historic background;~~

~~(4) One (1) is a representative of either employment or avocation in recreation and conservation;~~

~~(5) One (1) is a representative of either employment or avocation in arts and culture; and~~

~~(6) One (1) is sixty (60) years of age or over, serving as a representative of the elderly who shall not be actively engaged in or retired from the professions set out in subdivisions (a)(1)-(5) of this section.~~

~~(B)(i) The governor shall fill any vacancies occurring on the commission after August 1, 1985, so that at least five (5) of the members of the commission are owners or operators of food service, lodging, or travel-oriented businesses.~~

~~(ii) A travel-oriented business includes without limitation boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp grounds, tourist resorts, caves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms commonly known as tourist attractions.~~

~~(iii) The Governor also shall assure that at least one (1) of the members of the commission is active in the news media in this state.~~

~~(iv) Subdivisions (a)(1)(B)(i)-(iii) of this section shall not cut short the term of any member of the commission serving as such on August 1, 1985, but shall be implemented by the filling of vacancies;~~

~~(2) One (1) member who is sixty (60) years of age or over, who shall serve as a representative of the elderly and who is not be actively engaged in or retired from any of the professions under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section; and~~

~~(3) One (1) or more commissioners emeriti if designated under § 15-11-203.~~

(b) In addition to the membership under subsection (a) of this section, the membership of the commission may include one (1) or more commissioners emeriti if designated under § 15-11-303.

~~(b)(c)~~ (c) Each member of the commission shall be:

(1) a A resident elector of this state; and

(2) shall be appointed Appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

~~(e)(d)~~ (d) Each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state, ~~as established by Acts 1971, No. 23 [repealed],~~ shall be represented on ~~this~~ the membership of the commission.

~~(d)(1)(e)(1)~~ (e)(1) All members appointed to the commission shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years.

(2) The term of office shall commence on January 15 following the expiration date and shall end on January 14 of the sixth year following the year in which the regular term commenced.

~~(e)(f)~~ (f) Any vacancies arising in the membership of the commission for any reason other than expiration of the regular terms for which members were appointed shall be filled by appointment by the Governor and be thereafter effective until the expiration of their regular terms, subject, however, to the confirmation of the Senate when it is next in session.

~~(f)(g)~~ (g) Before entering upon their respective duties, each member of the commission shall take and subscribe and file in the office of the Secretary of State an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and to faithfully perform the duties of the office upon which he or she is about to enter.

~~(g)(h)~~ (h) Members of the commission shall not receive compensation for their services but may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall:

(1) Become effective on January 1, 2016; and

(2) Not shorten the term of any member of the State Parks, Recreations, and Travel Commission serving on January 1, 2016, but shall be implemented by the filling of vacancies.

/s/Linck

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