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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1261

By: Representative Davis

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDING A PERSON TO BE APPOINTED AS POET LAUREATE BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND THE TERM LENGTH OF A POET LAUREATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDING A PERSON TO BE APPOINTED AS POET LAUREATE BY THE GOVERNOR; AND TO AMEND THE TERM LENGTH OF A POET LAUREATE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 1-4-114(b), concerning the Poet Laureate, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The person designated or appointed by the Governor as Poet Laureate of the State of Arkansas shall be a person whose name was selected from a list of names submitted to the Governor upon recommendation of a committee consisting of ~~the principal heads of the English departments of all state-supported universities and colleges;~~

(A) Two (2) principal heads of English departments of state-supported universities or colleges who are selected by the Director of the Department of Higher Education; and

(B) Two (2) members of the Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas who are selected by the President of the Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas.

(2)(A) The person serving as Poet Laureate of the State of



Arkansas on the effective date of this act shall serve until the person's death or resignation from the position.

(B) The term of a Poet Laureate of the State of Arkansas appointed after the effective date of this act is four (4) years.

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