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A Bill

SENATE BILL 641

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY
AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND
COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN
LICENSING BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-106(b), concerning the creation of the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) There is hereby created the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board.

(2)(A) The board shall be composed of ~~eight (8)~~ seven (7) members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of seven (7) years.

(B) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

(3)(A) Three (3) members of the board shall be licensed bail bond company owners, one (1) a current or former municipal chief of police, one (1) a current or former county sheriff, ~~one (1) a municipal or circuit judge,~~ and two (2) shall be residents of the state who are not a bail bond company owner, ~~an elected judge,~~ a sheriff, or a chief of police.

(B)(i) ~~No two (2) of the three (3) bail bondsman members~~



~~shall reside in the same congressional district.~~ Each congressional district shall be represented by at least one (1) member of the board.

(ii) At least one (1) board member shall be an African-American.

(iii) At least one (1) board member shall be a female.

(4) The board shall have the authority and responsibility to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to licensing and regulation of professional bail bond companies and professional bail bondsmen.

(5) The board shall have the authority to adopt and enforce such reasonable rules as it ~~shall determine~~ determines to be necessary to enable it to effectively and efficiently carry out its official duty of licensing and regulating professional bail bond companies and professional bail bondsmen.

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