

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 405 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
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As Engrossed: H3/9/21  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1657

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*By: Senators L. Eads, Hill, J. English, C. Tucker, G. Leding*

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL STEAM LOCOMOTIVE OF  
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL STEAM  
LOCOMOTIVE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The St. Louis Southwestern No. 819 was the last steam locomotive produced in the State of Arkansas;

(2) Engine 819 was built in the locomotive shop operated by the St. Louis Southwestern Railway, known as the Cotton Belt, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and placed in active service on February 8, 1943;

(3) During its twelve (12) years of service, Engine 819 traveled more than eight hundred four thousand (804,000) miles, before being replaced by more modern diesel locomotives;

(4) On July 19, 1955, Cotton Belt's President H.J. McKenzie presented retired Engine 819 to the city of Pine Bluff to show the company's gratitude for the part the city served in the company's steam locomotive



operations;

(5) Engine 819 was publicly displayed in Oakland Park until 1983 when the Cotton Belt Rail Historical Society, Inc., restored the Engine 819 to operation;

(6) Engine 819's home is now in the Arkansas Railroad Museum which is located at the place of the engine's birth, the former Cotton Belt shops in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and

(7) The Cotton Belt was one of the major railroads that advanced the state's growth and economy, at one time boasting the nation's fastest freight train, the Blue Streak Fast Freight, and Engine 819 is part of that tradition of excellence.

SECTION 2. Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

1-4-140. State steam locomotive.

The St. Louis Southwestern No. 819, class L1 4-8-4 "Northern" type steam locomotive is designated as the official steam locomotive of the State of Arkansas.

*/s/Christiansen*

**APPROVED: 3/22/21**