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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1442

By: Representative Bentley  
By: Senator G. Stubblefield

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TAKING OF  
MINERALS, TIMBER, OR OTHER RESOURCES ON STATE-OWNED  
PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TAKING OF  
MINERALS, TIMBER, OR OTHER RESOURCES ON  
STATE-OWNED PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-5-801, concerning leases and permits for the taking of minerals, timber, and other resources, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

(1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and other required material relating to sand and gravel extraction;

(2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the filing of all bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and payments relating to sand and gravel extraction; and

(3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required under subdivision (c)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and payments relating to sand and gravel extraction.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-5-801, concerning leases and permits for the taking of minerals, timber, and other resources, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

(1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and other required material relating to the extraction of oil, natural gas, casinghead gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs;

(2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the electronic filing of all bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and payments relating to the extraction of oil, natural gas, casinghead gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs; and

(3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required under subdivision (d)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and payments relating to the extraction oil, natural gas, casinghead gas, coal and other minerals, and timber or logs.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 22-5-802, concerning leases and permits and exemptions for state agencies, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) The Commissioner of State Lands shall:

(1) Provide the necessary hardware and software systems to allow for the electronic acceptance, solicitation, communication, and the electronic publishing of all information, records, reports, applications, and other required material relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals extraction;

(2) Create and maintain a website to allow for the filing of all bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production reports, and payments relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals extraction; and

(3) Maintain a database accessible through the website required under subdivision (d)(2) of this section to allow complete electronic access to all filings of bids, correspondence, permit or lease issuance, production

reports, and payments relating to sand, gravel, timber or logs, or minerals extraction.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-5-808(b)(1), concerning leases and permits, records, fees, and the disposition of funds, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The person, firm, company, corporation, or association making application or filing a competitive bid for a lease or permit with the State of Arkansas shall pay a fee to cover the cost of processing its application and providing public notice.

SECTION 5. *DO NOT CODIFY. Effective dates.* (a) Section 1 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2022.

(b) Section 2 of this act is effective on and after July 1, 2022.

(c) Section 3 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2022.

/s/Bentley

APPROVED: 3/24/21