

HOUSE AMENDMENT 4 TO sb229.

inserting a new section after SECTION 17 to read as follows:

"SECTION 18. (a) It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the city of Arkadelphia and its surrounding area was one of the most tragically devastated areas in the recent tornado disaster and that the extent of destruction in that area requires the establishment of an entity to coordinate the efforts of rebuilding and revitalizing the Arkadelphia area. This act therefore creates the Arkansas 2025 Commission to accomplish that purpose and this act is to be construed and interpreted in its broadest sense in order to provide maximum assistance to the residents of the Arkadelphia area in recovering from the disaster.

(b) There is hereby created the Arkadelphia 2025 Commission to be composed of the Mayor, City Manager, and Chairman of the City Planning Commission of Arkadelphia, the Superintendent of the Arkadelphia Public School District, the member of the Arkansas House of Representatives representing the Arkadelphia area, the member of the Arkansas Senate representing the Arkadelphia area, the County Judge of Clark County, the Presidents of Ouachita Baptist University and Henderson State University, the President and Executive Secretary of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and at least an equal number of citizens of the Arkadelphia area to be appointed by the members just named. The Commission shall be as broadly based as possible to represent all the diverse interests and to represent every race, gender, income level, and geographic area.

(c) The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Determine the immediate needs of Arkadelphia and its surrounding area;

(2) Determine the long-range needs and opportunities of the Arkadelphia area;

(3) Seek and expend funds from all sources, both public and private;

(4) Coordinate the activities of the various federal, state, and local agencies as well as the private sector in providing for the economic, social, and physical needs of the area;

(5) To serve as the lead agency in the rebuilding and revitalization of the Arkadelphia area;

(6) Adopt bylaws and establish goals; and

(7) Perform all other powers and functions necessary to fulfill its duties.

(d) The Commission shall be subject to audit by the Division of Legislative Audit."

AND

by inserting after the word "and" and before the word "this" in line 22 on page 10 the words "Sections 1 through 17 of"

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by adding a new paragraph at the end of SECTION 23 to read as follows:

"It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the city of

Arkadelphia and its surrounding area was one of the most tragically devastated areas in the recent tornado disaster; that the extent of destruction in that area requires the establishment of an entity to coordinate the efforts of rebuilding and revitalizing the Arkadelphia area; and that this act creates the Arkansas 2025 Commission to accomplish that purpose. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and Section 18 of this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."