

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 950

By: Senator J. Woods
By: Representatives Leding, *Sabin*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Task Force on Landlord and
Tenant Law – Creation – Membership – Duties.

(a) There is created the "Legislative Task Force on Landlord and
Tenant Law".

(b)(1) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(A) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

(B) The Chair of the House Judiciary Committee or the
chair's designee;

(C) The Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee or the
chair's designee;

(D) A circuit judge who regularly hears unlawful detainer
cases, to be appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the
Courts;

(E) The Chair of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on
Civil Practice or the chair's designee;

(F) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Access to
Justice Commission or the executive director's designee;



(G) An Arkansas attorney who regularly represents residential tenants, to be appointed by the President of the Arkansas Bar Association;

(H) An Arkansas attorney who regularly represents residential landlords, to be appointed by mutually-agreed decision of the Arkansas Realtors Association, Landlords Association of Arkansas, and Affordable Housing Association of Arkansas;

(I) A district court judge, to be appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; and

(J) All former commissioners of the Non-Legislative Commission on the Study of Landlord-Tenant Law who agree to serve.

(2) If any vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled by the same process as the original appointment.

(3) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

(c)(1) The Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee or the chair's designee shall call the first meeting within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act and shall serve as chair at the first meeting.

(2) At the first meeting, the members of the task force shall elect from its membership a chair and other officers as needed for the transaction of its business.

(3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County at the State Capitol or another site with teleconferencing capabilities.

(B) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every two (2) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

(4) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting its business.

(5) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for transacting business of the task force.

(6) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the task force.

(d) The task force shall:

(1) Study the recommendations of the Non-Legislative Commission on the Study of Landlord-Tenant Law;

(2) Draft proposed legislation based upon:

(A) Any recommendations of the commission that were not

enacted into law during the Regular Session of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly;

(B) Provisions of the Uniform Residential Landlord Tenant Act or Revised Uniform Residential Landlord Act that are in accordance with the recommendations of the commission; or

(C) A recommendation of the task force; and

(3) Provide the General Assembly a detailed, written explanation of recommended legislation.

(e) On or before September 1, 2014, the task force shall file with the Legislative Council a written report of its activities, recommendations, draft legislation, and explanations.

(f) The task force expires on December 31, 2014.

/s/J. Woods