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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PARKS,
RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE
PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-11-202(a), concerning membership of the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission shall consist of:

(1)(A) Thirteen (13) regular members, of whom at least:

(i) One (1) ~~shall be~~ is an active newspaper staff member, editorial worker, or editor;

(ii) One (1) ~~shall be~~ is active in radio or television broadcasting;

(iii) One (1) ~~shall be~~ is active in ~~any a~~ a recognized news media in the state or in the video service provider industry;

(iv) Two (2) whose primary occupation ~~shall embrace~~ is the recreational or travel field ~~of endeavor~~; and

(v) One (1) ~~shall be~~ is an historian ~~having with~~ with knowledge of Arkansas's historic background.

(B)(i) ~~Vacancies~~ The governor shall fill any vacancies



occurring on the commission after August 1, 1985, ~~shall be filled by the Governor in such manner so~~ so that at least five (5) of the members of the commission ~~shall be~~ are owners or operators of food service, lodging, or travel-oriented businesses.

(ii) A travel-oriented business includes, ~~but is not limited to,~~ without limitation boat docks, marinas, theme parks, camp grounds, tourist resorts, caves, caverns, highway gift shops, and firms commonly known as tourist attractions.

(iii) The Governor also shall assure that at least one (1) of the members of the commission is active in the news media in this state.

(iv) Subdivisions (a)(1)(B)(i)-(iii) of this section ~~shall do~~ do not cut short the term of any member of the commission serving as such on August 1, 1985, but shall be implemented by the filling of vacancies;

(2) One (1) member who is sixty (60) years of age or over, who shall serve as a representative of the elderly and who ~~shall is not be~~ is actively engaged in or retired from any of the professions ~~set out in~~ under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section; and

(3) One (1) or more ~~commissioner emeritus~~ commissioners emeriti if designated under § 15-11-203.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-11-203 is amended to read as follows:

15-11-203. Commissioner emeritus.

(a) ~~Any A~~ A ~~person who has~~ shall be known and designated as a "commissioner emeritus" if he or she:

(1) Has served, is now serving, or serves in the future for at least twenty-four (24) years as a member for of the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, as established by §§ 15-11-201, 15-11-202, and 15-11-204 - 15-11-207, or its predecessor commissions and who has served or serves twenty four (24) years as a member of the commission or its predecessor commissions shall be known and designated as a "commissioner emeritus"; and

(2) Was known and designated as a "commissioner emeritus" under this section on or before the effective date of this act.

(b) A commissioner emeritus shall serve as a member of the commission for the remainder of his or her life ~~and,~~ shall be notified of all commission meetings, and is entitled to the same expenses and other allowances for

attending commission meetings as is provided by law for other commission members.

~~(c) The Governor shall cause an appropriate commission to be prepared and issued to each commissioner emeritus of the commission. The commissioner emeritus shall file the commission with the Secretary of State and take the official oath of office before entering upon his or her duties as a commissioner emeritus.~~