

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 1035

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

TO CREATE THE NONLEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE STUDY OF LANDLORD-TENANT EVICTION LAWS; TO RECOMMEND FAIR AND BALANCED CHANGES AND DRAFT LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE LANDLORD-TENANT EVICTION LAWS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Nonlegislative Commission on the Study of Landlord-Tenant Eviction Laws.

(a) The Nonlegislative Commission on the Study of Landlord-Tenant Eviction Laws is created.

(b) The commission shall consist of the following nonlegislative members:

(1) One (1) member appointed by the Governor;

(2) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(4) One (1) member designated by agreement of the deans of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law and the University of



Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law;

(5) One (1) member designated by the Arkansas Realtors Association;

(6) One (1) member designated by the Landlords Association of Arkansas;

(7) One (1) member designated by the Arkansas Bar Association;  
and

(8) One (1) member designated by the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission.

(c) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the term in which it occurs.

(d)(1) The Governor shall designate his or her appointee to the commission to:

(A) Call the first meeting of the commission; and

(B) Serve as chair.

(2) At the first meeting, the members of the commission shall elect from its membership a vice chair.

(3) The commission shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County at the State Capitol or via teleconference or web conference, as technology becomes available and as desired to allow for scheduling flexibility for its members.

(4) The commission shall meet at least bimonthly or as decided upon by the commission.

(e) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for transacting business of the commission.

(f) The members of the commission shall not be entitled to compensation for their services or expense reimbursement.

(g)(1) The commission shall review the current residential eviction laws and methods in Arkansas, along with the recommendations of the Nonlegislative Commission on the Study of Landlord-Tenant Laws created by Acts 2011, No.1198, and shall produce a recommendation for a uniform residential tenant eviction system to be used throughout the state.

(2) The recommendation may include draft legislation.

(h) The commission shall report by December 31, 2016, to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the results of its findings and activities and any of its

recommendations, including draft legislation.

(i) The commission expires on January 1, 2017.