

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2180

By: Representative Rye

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THAT THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS DISTRICT FAIR LOCATION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS DISTRICT FAIR ADVISORY BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THAT THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS DISTRICT FAIR LOCATION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS DISTRICT FAIR ADVISORY BOARD.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-36-302 is amended to read as follows:
2-36-302. Northeast Arkansas District Fair Advisory Board.*

(a)(1) There is created the Northeast Arkansas District Fair Advisory Board, to be composed of the following members:

- (A) One (1) member from Mississippi County;*
- (B) One (1) member from Craighead County;*
- (C) One (1) member from Greene County;*
- (D) One (1) member from Clay County;*
- ~~*(E) One (1) member from Crittenden County;*~~
- ~~*(F)*~~*(D) One (1) member from St. Francis County;*
- ~~*(G) One (1) member from Cross County;*~~
- ~~*(H)*~~*(E) One (1) member from Poinsett County;*
- ~~*(I) One (1) member from Jackson County;*~~
- ~~*(J)*~~*(F) One (1) member from Lawrence County;*



~~(K)(G)~~ One (1) member from Randolph County;

~~(L)(H)~~ One (1) member from ~~Lee County~~ the Three County Fair Association;

~~(M)(I)~~ One (1) member from ~~Woodruff County~~ the Tri-County Fair Association; and

~~(N)(J)~~ One (1) member from the White County Fair Association.

(2)(A) The county fair board of each county shall select the person from that county to be a member of the board.

(B) If any county does not have a county fair board, the county judge of that county shall appoint that county's representative to the board.

~~(C)(i) There is created an executive board that shall be composed of the members of the county fair board of the county in which the Northeast Arkansas District Fair is located.~~

~~(ii) The executive board shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the Northeast Arkansas District Fair fairgrounds.~~

(3) Members of the board shall serve four-year terms, and any vacancies arising in the board membership shall be filled in the same manner as were the original appointments.

(4)(A) The members of the advisory board shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the advisory board.

(B) An officer elected under subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section shall serve one-year terms in office and may be reelected not to exceed eight (8) years.

(5) A quorum of the advisory board shall be eight (8) members.

(b)(1) There is created an executive board that shall be composed of the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the advisory board and the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the county fair association of the county in the Northeast Arkansas District in which the Northeast Arkansas District Fair is located.

(2) The executive board shall conduct the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the Northeast Arkansas District Fair fairgrounds.

(3) The advisory board may override a decision of the executive board with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum.

~~(b)(1)(c)~~ *In all matters, the fair shall be subject to the rules of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and otherwise conducted in the same manner as other district fairs.*

~~(2)~~ *The location of the Northeast Arkansas District Fair shall be in Craighead County.*

~~(e)(d)(1)~~ *The board shall annually select a chair from among its membership* The members of the advisory board shall serve four-year terms.

(2) A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

~~(d)(e)(1)~~ *After each federal decennial census, the membership on the board shall be reapportioned among the counties listed in subsection (a) of this section in such manner as to reflect the proportionate population of each county relating to the district as a whole* The advisory board shall meet at a central location one (1) time each month.

(2) The president of the advisory board shall call the monthly meeting of the advisory board.

(f)(1) The location of the district fair shall be determined by the advisory board.

(2) The advisory board shall establish the length of time that the fair will be held in a county, not to exceed three (3) years.

(3) The advisory board shall provide notice to the current host county one (1) year before changing the location of the district fair.

(4) The advisory board may change the location or the date or both of the district fair through a two thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum.

(g) The current host count of the district fair shall submit financial statements to the advisory board at the monthly meeting of the advisory board.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. First meeting.

(a) The current president of the Northeast Arkansas District Fair Advisory Board shall call a meeting at a central location between November 1, 2013 and December 20, 2017.

(b) At the meeting called under subsection (a) of this section, the members of the advisory board shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the advisory board.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective Date.
This act becomes effective on November 1, 2107.

/s/Rye