

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 71

By: Senator B. Sample

By: Representative Maddox

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS SET OUT IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 42; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS SET OUT IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 42.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, which creates the State Highway Commission and prescribes the qualifications and manner of appointment of members of the commission, provides that the commission be composed of five (5) members to be appointed from the state at large and that no two (2) commissioners be appointed from a single congressional district; and

WHEREAS, the congressional districts in the state have been subject to redistricting since the enactment of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the requirement under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, that no two (2) members be appointed from a single congressional district was to assure equal representation on the commission of all parts of the state; and



WHEREAS, to accomplish the intent of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 42, concerning the appointment of the commission members, it is necessary that the General Assembly enact legislation to clarify the residency requirements for persons appointed to the commission,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-65-104(a), concerning the members appointed to the State Highway Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~All appointments to the State Highway Commission shall be based upon the four (4) congressional districts as defined on July 20, 1979.~~
~~Appointments~~ All appointments to the commission State Highway Commission shall be made so as to assure that, ~~at the earliest possible date,~~ the commission shall be composed of:

(1) one One (1) member from each of the four (4) congressional districts as the districts exist at the time of a member's appointment; and

(2) one One (1) member from the state at large.

/s/B. Sample