

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1753

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BAIL BONDSMEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BAIL BONDSMEN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-106 is amended to read as follows:  
17-19-106. Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board.

(a) This section may be cited as the “Arkansas Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Act”.

(b)(1) There is ~~hereby~~ created the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board.

(2)(A) The board shall be composed of ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) years.

(B) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

~~(3)(A) Three (3) members of the board shall be licensed bail~~



~~bond company owners, one (1) a current or former municipal chief of police, one (1) a current or former county sheriff, and two (2) shall be residents of the state who are not a bail bond company owner, a sheriff, or a chief of police.~~

~~(B)(i) Each congressional district shall be represented by at least one (1) member of the board.~~

~~(ii) At least one (1) board member shall be an African American.~~

~~(iii) At least one (1) board member shall be a female.~~

~~(4)~~ The board shall have the authority and responsibility to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to licensing and regulation of professional bail bond companies and professional bail bondsmen.

~~(5)~~(4) The board shall have the authority to adopt and enforce such reasonable rules as it determines to be necessary to enable it to effectively and efficiently carry out its official duty of licensing and regulating professional bail bond companies and professional bail bondsmen.

(c) The members of the board shall receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq., and a stipend ~~pursuant to~~ under § 25-16-904.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to repeal any laws in effect on August 13, 1993, relating to the licensing and regulation of professional bail bond companies and professional bail bondsmen but such laws shall remain in ~~full force and~~ effect and shall be administered by the board created ~~herein~~ under this section.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Expiration of terms of current membership of the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board.

(a) The current membership of the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board shall be dissolved upon the effective date of this act.

(b) The Governor shall appoint members to the board as described under this act.

(c)(1) The initial appointments of the members shall draw lots for

terms of one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), or five (5) years.

(2) An initial term of less than five (5) years shall not count against reappointment.