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A Bill

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SENATE BILL 265

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REDUCE AND MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
10 LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATING TO WASTEWATER; TO REDUCE
11 AND MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
12 RELATING TO SOLID WASTE; TO *AMEND* THE APPRENTICESHIP
13 LICENSES *IN* SOLID WASTE LICENSING; TO AMEND
14 PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
15 OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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*TO REDUCE AND MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF
20 THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATING TO
21 WASTEWATER AND THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
22 RELATING TO SOLID WASTE; AND TO AMEND
23 THE APPRENTICESHIP LICENSES IN SOLID
24 WASTE LICENSING.*

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-5-204(a), concerning the membership of
29 the licensing committee relating to wastewater, is amended to read as
30 follows:

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(a)(1) There is created and established ~~a licensing committee~~ the
32 "Wastewater Licensing Committee" to advise and assist the Arkansas Pollution
33 Control and Ecology Commission and the Division of Environmental Quality in
34 the administration of the licensing program.

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(2) The committee shall be composed of ~~eight (8)~~ five (5)
36 members:



1 (A) ~~Five (5)~~ Three (3) members, to be appointed by the
2 commission, of which ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members shall be active wastewater
3 treatment plant operators licensed by the commission and ~~two (2) members~~ one
4 (1) member shall be employed by a private corporation or industry located in
5 Arkansas and nominated at large by the corporations or industries for service
6 on the committee;

7 (B) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission,
8 shall be an employee of a municipality operating a wastewater treatment plant
9 who holds the position of chief administrative officer, city engineer,
10 director of public utilities, or other equivalent position;

11 ~~(C) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission,~~
12 ~~shall be a faculty member of an accredited college, university, or~~
13 ~~professional school in this state whose major field is related to water~~
14 ~~resources or sanitary engineering; and~~

15 ~~(D)~~(C) One (1) member shall be the Director of the
16 Division of Environmental Quality or a qualified member of his or her staff
17 who shall act as executive secretary of the committee.

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19 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 8-6-904(a) and (b), concerning the
20 licensing committee relating to solid waste, are amended to read as follows:

21 (a)(1) There is created ~~a licensing committee~~ the "Solid Waste
22 Licensing Committee" to advise and assist the Arkansas Pollution Control and
23 Ecology Commission and the Division of Environmental Quality in the
24 administration of the licensing program.

25 (2) The committee shall be composed of ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) voting
26 members as follows:

27 (A) ~~Three (3)~~ Two (2) members, to be appointed by the
28 commission, shall be solid waste management facility operators licensed by
29 the division;

30 (B) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission,
31 shall be an employee of a county operating a solid waste management facility
32 who holds the position of solid waste management facility on-site operator or
33 supervisor;

34 ~~(C) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission,~~
35 ~~shall be~~ or an employee of a municipality operating a sanitary landfill who
36 holds the position of landfill on-site operator or supervisor;

1 ~~(D)~~(C) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission,
2 shall be a representative of one (1) of the duly constituted regional solid
3 waste management boards;

4 ~~(E)~~(D) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission,
5 shall be an on-site operator or supervisor of a nonsegregated materials
6 recovery, transfer, or composting facility;

7 ~~(F)~~(E) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission,
8 shall be a representative of a designated solid waste operator training
9 academy and shall serve ex officio with no vote; and

10 ~~(G)~~(F) One (1) member, to be appointed by the Director of
11 the Division of Environmental Quality, shall be a qualified member of his or
12 her staff who shall serve ex officio with no vote as executive secretary of
13 the committee.

14 (b)(1) In the event of a vacancy, a new member shall be appointed by
15 the commission to serve out the unexpired term.

16 (2)~~(A)~~ A nonstate agency member shall not serve more than two
17 (2) consecutive three-year terms.

18 ~~(B) Those members serving unexpired five-year terms may~~
19 ~~serve an additional one (1) consecutive three-year term.~~

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21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 8-6-905(2), concerning the powers and
22 duties of the Division of Environmental Quality related to solid waste
23 licensing, is amended to read as follows:

24 (2) To issue licenses to qualified solid waste management
25 facility operators, to renew those licenses, to suspend or revoke the
26 licenses for cause after due notice and opportunity for hearing, to issue
27 ~~one-year~~ two-year apprenticeship licenses to operators-in-training, and to
28 issue provisional certificates; and

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30 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 8-6-2010(a)(1), concerning an applicant's
31 eligibility as an environmental officer, is amended to read as follows:

32 (a)(1) An individual is eligible to apply for initial training as an
33 environmental officer if the individual is a current employee of a
34 municipality, city, county, regional solid waste management district,
35 planning and development district, or state agency, board, or commission.

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/s/ Irvin

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