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2 94th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 557

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6 By: Representative Wooldridge  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
10 ACT OF 1973; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS  
11 NATURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 QUALITY ACT OF 1973; AND TO AMEND THE  
17 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS NATURAL  
18 HERITAGE COMMISSION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-20-305(a), concerning the members of the  
24 Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a)(1) The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission shall consist of  
26 fifteen (15) members.

27 (2)(A)(i) Nine (9) of the members shall be appointed by the  
28 Governor from persons with an interest in the preservation of natural areas,  
29 with two (2) members to be appointed from each congressional district and one  
30 (1) member to be appointed from the state at large.

31 (ii) ~~One (1) member of the commission shall be a~~  
32 ~~member of the board of directors of a levee or drainage district.~~

33 (iii) ~~One (1) member shall be chosen from a list of~~  
34 ~~five (5) persons jointly nominated by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and~~  
35 ~~the Agricultural Council of Arkansas~~ appointed by the Governor shall be  
36 actively or principally engaged, or shall have been actively or principally



1 engaged, in the production of agriculture on property owned by the member.

2 ~~(iv) One (1) member shall be appointed by the~~  
3 ~~Governor from the state at large subject to confirmation by the Senate.~~

4 ~~(v) (iii) One (1) member shall be appointed by the~~  
5 ~~Governor after consulting the Arkansas Wildlife Federation and subject to~~  
6 ~~confirmation by the Senate~~ appointed by the Governor shall have an interest  
7 in the protection, restoration, and management of the state's habitats,  
8 plants, and animals.

9 (B) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of  
10 the House of Representatives to serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the  
11 House of Representatives.

12 (C) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the President  
13 Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve at the pleasure of the President Pro  
14 Tempore of the Senate.

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16 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. This act shall not  
17 shorten the term of any current member of the Arkansas Natural Heritage  
18 Commission but shall be implemented as terms expire and by filling vacancies  
19 on the commission.

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