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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representative Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 8, SUBCHAPTER 2 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO CLARIFY THAT MEMBERS OF THE STATE POLICE MAY PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-8-205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"12-8-205. Political activities.

(a) The members of the Arkansas State Police shall be required on penalty of discharge to remain constantly aloof from politics during working hours while on duty and at any time while in uniform.

(b) They shall not be at any time detailed to perform any work pertaining to political activities affecting either a candidate or measures but shall devote their entire time to the duties herein set forth.

(c) The members of the Arkansas State Police shall not be required nor counseled to make, solicit, or prescribe contributions toward and for any political campaign of whatsoever nature.

(d) The members of the Arkansas State Police shall not be required, nor permitted, directly or indirectly, to participate or assist in any manner in any political campaign of whatsoever nature in behalf of any candidate or measure during working hours while on duty or at any time while in uniform.

(e) They shall not voluntarily perform any work or service in connection with any political campaign of whatsoever nature, nor shall they publicly and openly espouse the candidacy of any man or measure during working hours while on duty or at any time while in uniform.

(f) It is declared to be the intention of the General Assembly to prohibit members of the Arkansas State Police from taking part, voluntarily or otherwise, directly or indirectly, from participating in any political

campaign or soliciting the support thereto, votes, or contributions for any candidate or measure during working hours while on duty or at any time while in uniform.

(g) The members of the Arkansas State Police shall avoid any public association with any political cause or candidacy including the display of campaign buttons, signs, bumper stickers, or other paraphernalia during working hours while on duty or at any time while in uniform.

(h) The violation of these provisions shall be sufficient for the removal of any member of the Arkansas State Police force. However, nothing in this section shall interfere with the rights of any member of the Arkansas State Police to vote for any candidate or upon any issues as his reason and conscience may dictate."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.