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5 By: Representatives Lundstrum, *Unger*

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON THAT IS EMPLOYED OR HAS A
10 DIRECT OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A FIRM,
11 BUSINESS, OR ORGANIZATION THAT OWNS, OPERATES,
12 REPRESENTS, OR APPLIES FOR A SOLID WASTE LICENSE OR
13 PERMIT FROM SERVING AS A MEMBER ON CERTAIN
14 COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-4-104, concerning the membership of the
28 Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, is amended to add an
29 additional subsection to read as follows:

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(h) A person shall not serve as a member of the Arkansas Pollution
Control and Ecology Commission if he or she is employed by a firm, business,
or organization that owns, operates, represents, or applies for a solid waste
license or permit or in which that person has a direct or indirect financial
interest.

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 8-6-703, concerning the creation of



1 regional solid waste planning districts and boards, is amended to add an
2 additional subsection to read as follows:

3 (d)(1) A person shall not serve as a member of the board if he or she
4 is employed by a firm, business, or organization that owns, operates,
5 represents, or applies for a solid waste license or permit or in which that
6 person has a direct or indirect financial interest.

7 (2) Subdivision (d)(1) of this section does not apply to an
8 elected official or an employee of a city or county that is required to
9 represent a city or county on a regional solid waste planning district or
10 board under subsection (b) of this section.

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12 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 8-6-904(e), concerning the solid waste
13 licensing committee to advise and assist in the administration of the solid
14 waste licensing program, is amended to read as follows:

15 ~~(e) No member of the committee~~ A person shall participate in any
16 ~~licensing decision involving the firm or organization by which that member is~~
17 ~~employed or~~ not serve as a member of the committee if he or she is employed
18 by a firm, business, or organization that owns, operates, represents, or
19 applies for a solid waste license or permit under this subchapter or in which
20 ~~that member~~ person has a direct or indirect financial interest.

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22 /s/Lundstrum

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