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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1846

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS 2036 COMMISSION; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS 2036 COMMISSION.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Arkansas 2036
19 Commission – Creation – Purpose – Members.

20 (a) There is created the Arkansas 2036 Commission.

21 (b) The purpose of the commission is to:

22 (1) Promote a suitable statewide observance of the two hundredth
23 birthday of Arkansas;

24 (2) Explore the possible construction of a commemorative landmark
25 that promotes tourism to the state;

26 (3) Cooperate and assist the Division of Arkansas Heritage with
27 programs commemorating the two hundredth birthday of the state; and

28 (4) Provide assistance for the development of programs,
29 projects, and activities promoting the history and heritage of the state.

30 (c) The commission shall consist of eight (8) members to include:

31 (1) The Director of the Division of Arkansas Heritage or his or
32 her designee;

33 (2) The Secretary of the Department of Education or his or her
34 designee;

35 (3) Two (2) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives;



1 (4) Two (2) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
2 the Senate; and

3 (5) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor.

4 (d)(1) The director or his or her designee shall serve as the chair of
5 the commission.

6 (2) The director or his or her designee shall call the first
7 meeting of the commission within thirty (30) days of the effective date of
8 this act.

9 (3) Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair.

10 (e)(1) Members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the
11 appointing entity.

12 (2) The terms of all members of the commission shall expire on
13 December 31, 2036.

14 (3) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the vacancy shall be
15 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

16 (f) The commission shall establish rules and procedures for conducting
17 its business.

18 (g)(1) Except as provided under subdivisions (g)(2) and (3) of this
19 section, members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

20 (2) Members of the commission who are also members of the
21 General Assembly shall be entitled to per diem, expenses, and mileage for
22 attending commission meetings at the rate prescribed for legislators
23 attending meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly.

24 (3) Members of the commission who are not members of the General
25 Assembly or employees of the State of Arkansas shall be entitled to the
26 following compensation to be paid by the Department of Parks, Tourism, and
27 Heritage:

28 (A) Per diem in an amount determined by the commission at
29 its first meeting;

30 (B) Reimbursement for expenses; and

31 (C) Mileage reimbursement at the rate prescribed for state
32 employees under § 19-4-903.

33 (h) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a
34 quorum for transacting any business of the commission.

35 (i) The division shall provide staff for the commission.

36 (j) The commission shall expire on December 31, 2036.