State of Arkansas
96th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 8

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CHARGED WITH THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF PENAL OR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS ARE NOT COVERED BY ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 33; AMENDING ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 33, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE THAT BOARDS CHARGED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF PENAL OR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE NOT COVERED BY ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 33; AND AMENDING THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1.

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

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. <u>The purpose of this act is to amend Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 33, to remove its application to boards or commissions charged with the management or control of penal or correctional institutions, including without limitation the Board of Corrections.</u>

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the authority under Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 33, § 1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Term of office of members.

The term of office of members of the boards or commissions charged with the management or control of all charitable~~, penal or correctional~~ institutions and institutions of higher learning of the State of Arkansas, now in existence or hereafter created, shall be five years when the membership is five in number, seven years when the membership is seven in number, and ten years when the membership is ten in number. Such terms of office shall be arranged by the General Assembly to provide a membership with one term of office expiring every year from the effective date of this amendment. The unexpired terms of members serving on the effective date of this amendment shall not be decreased.