

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

Enabling Laws

Act 38 of 2012
A.C.A. §17-31-101 et seq.

History and Organization

Act 535 of 1969 created the State of Arkansas Board of Registration for Foresters. The Board consists of six appointed members. Board members include a representative from the forest products industry, the State Forestry commission, an agency of the U.S. Government, the staff of the School of Forestry at University of Arkansas-Monticello, a private forestry consultant, and a consumer.

Act 993 of 1999 amended the original act to make registration mandatory, under specific conditions, for foresters to practice their profession. After January 1, 2001, each new applicant must pass an exam and meet other education and experience requirements. All Registered Foresters must complete six hours of continuing forestry education during the previous year to renew their registration.

Currently, Arkansas has 520 Registered Foresters. The Board operates solely on fees collected from Registered Foresters. The Board has no oversight or advisory board or commission affiliation. For e-government purposes, the Board is a sub-agency of the Arkansas Forestry Commission.



Agency Commentary

The State Board of Registration for Foresters is empowered to register and regulate persons in Arkansas representing themselves as Foresters. The Board, in carrying out these duties, sets the amount of application/registration fees, conducts written examinations, issues certificates of registration, provides continuing education symposiums, and receives and investigates complaints against Registered Foresters and makes findings thereon. The Board maintains an electronic database of currently licensed Registered Foresters.

The Board has two (2) Extra Help positions and no full-time positions. The Board is requesting Base Level appropriation and positions.

The Board will continue to update its operations to comply with State requirements.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012

None

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

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		Governor	General Assembly		
Roster of Registered Foresters	A.C.A. 17-31-207	Y	N	25	Required by A.C.A. 17-31-207.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011						FY2011 - 2012					FY2012 - 2013						
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total		
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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 1GJ - Foresters - Cash in Treasury

Funding Sources: NRF - Cash in Treasury

The Board of Registration for Foresters regulates foresters registered in Arkansas. The purpose of the Board is to protect private forest landowners by licensing and registering foresters who are qualified, experienced, and who maintain their continuing education. The Board is funded solely from the receipt of application and renewal fees collected from Registered Foresters (A.C.A. §17-31-303).

The Agency Base Level Request includes two (2) Extra Help positions and appropriation of \$20,018 each year of the 2013-2015 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			2013-2014			2014-2015		
	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Extra Help 5010001	9,717	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
#Extra Help	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Personal Services Matching 5010003	747	918	918	918	918	918	918	918	918
Operating Expenses 5020002	15,291	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	25,755	20,018	20,018	20,018	20,018	20,018	20,018	20,018	20,018
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	82,362	75,809		71,991	71,991	71,991	68,173	68,173	68,173
Cash Fund 4000045	19,202	16,200		16,200	16,200	16,200	16,200	16,200	16,200
Total Funding	101,564	92,009		88,191	88,191	88,191	84,373	84,373	84,373
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(75,809)	(71,991)		(68,173)	(68,173)	(68,173)	(64,355)	(64,355)	(64,355)
Grand Total	25,755	20,018		20,018	20,018	20,018	20,018	20,018	20,018