

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

Enabling Laws

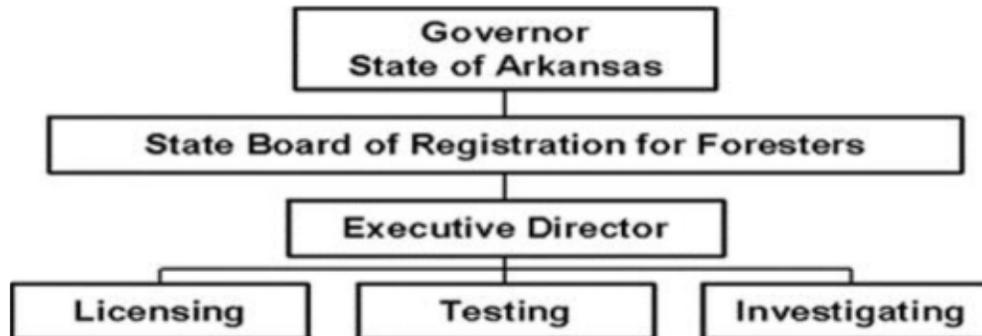
Act 121 of 2016
A.C.A. §17-31-101 et seq.

History and Organization

Act 535 of 1969 created the State of Arkansas Board of Registration for Foresters. Act 177 of 2011 amended Arkansas Code 17-31-201 in relation to the selection and composition of members. The Board consists of six appointed members. Board members include a representative from the forest products industry, the State Forestry Commission, the School of Forestry at the University of Arkansas-Monticello, a consulting forester, a general forester, 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 eight hours of continuing forestry education during the previous year to renew their registration.

Currently, Arkansas has 450 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 is funded solely by fees. Over the past decade the Board has been able to keep most fees the same, while utilizing technology and other resources to help it perform its duties in a more efficient and productive manner.

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, 2014

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016

None

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

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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.	0	0.00

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2014 - 2015						FY2015 - 2016					FY2016 - 2017						
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
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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 \$20,026 each year of the biennium.

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

Appropriation Summary

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Funding Sources: NRF - Cash in Treasury

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Extra Help 5010001	8,395	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	646	918	926	926	926	926	926	926	926
Operating Expenses 5020002	4,292	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	13,333	20,018	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	89,027	91,872		85,854	85,854	85,854	79,828	79,828	79,828
Special Revenue 4000030	16,178	14,000		14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Total Funding	105,205	105,872		99,854	99,854	99,854	93,828	93,828	93,828
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(91,872)	(85,854)		(79,828)	(79,828)	(79,828)	(73,802)	(73,802)	(73,802)
Grand Total	13,333	20,018		20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026