

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

Enabling Laws

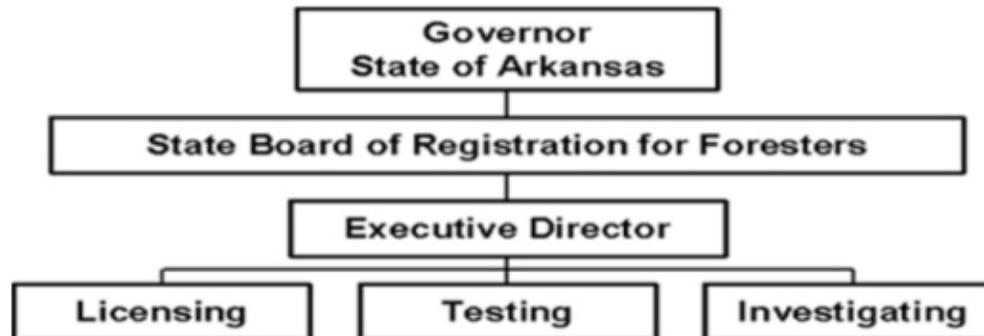
Act 49 of 2010
A.C.A. §17-31-101 et seq.

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

Findings

Recommendations

A separate report for this Agency was not issued. However, financial activity for the Agency was included in the audit of the State's CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

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| | | Governor | General Assembly | | |
| Roster of Registered Foresters | A.C.A. 17-31-207 | N | N | 550 | Required by A.C.A. 17-31-207. |

Agency Position Usage Report

| FY2008 - 2009 | | | | | | FY2009 - 2010 | | | | | | FY2010 - 2011 | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|------------------------|
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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 2011-2013 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 | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 2009-2010 Actual | 2010-2011 Budget | 2010-2011 Authorized | 2011-2012 | | | 2012-2013 | | |
| | | | | Base Level | Agency | Executive | Base Level | Agency | Executive |
| Extra Help 5010001 | 7,368 | 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 | 566 | 918 | 926 | 918 | 918 | 918 | 918 | 918 | 918 |
| Operating Expenses 5020002 | 5,784 | 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 | 13,718 | 20,018 | 20,026 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 |
| Funding Sources | | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Balance 4000005 | 69,177 | 76,011 | | 76,011 | 76,011 | 76,011 | 76,011 | 76,011 | 76,011 |
| Cash Fund 4000045 | 20,552 | 20,018 | | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 |
| Total Funding | 89,729 | 96,029 | | 96,029 | 96,029 | 96,029 | 96,029 | 96,029 | 96,029 |
| Excess Appropriation/(Funding) | (76,011) | (76,011) | | (76,011) | (76,011) | (76,011) | (76,011) | (76,011) | (76,011) |
| Grand Total | 13,718 | 20,018 | | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 | 20,018 |