STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

Enabling Laws

Act 92 of 2005 A.C.A. § 17-31-101

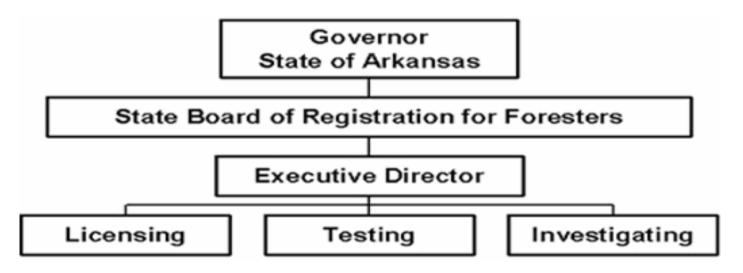
History and Organization

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. Arkansas Code §17-31-101 et seq. contains the statutes applicable to Registered Foresters.

The Board is empowered to register and regulate persons in Arkansas representing themselves as foresters. In carrying out these duties, the Board sets the amount of the application/registration fees, conducts written examinations, issues certificates of registration, and receives and investigates complaints against Registered Foresters and makes findings thereon.

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 567 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 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, 2005

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Publications

A.C.A 25-1-204

	Statutory	Required	for	# Of	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution		
Name	Authorization	Governor	General Assembly	# Of Copies			
Roster of Registered Foresters	A.C.A. 17-31-207	Ν	N	750	Required by A.C.A. 17-31-207.		

Agency Position Usage Report

		FY20	04-200)5		FY2005-2006					FY2006-2007						
Authorized		Budgeted		Unbudgeted	% of	Authorized Budgeted I			Unbudgeted	% of	Authorized	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of	
in Act	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	Authorized Unused	in Act	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	Authorized Unused	in Act	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	Authorized Unused
0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation:	1GJ - Foresters - Cash in Treasury
Funding Sources:	NRF- Foresters Registration- Cash

The Board of Registration for Foresters regulates foresters registered in Arkansas. The Board is funded solely from the receipt of application and renewal fees collected from Registered Foresters. These fees are charged pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §17-31-303.

The Board is requesting Base Level appropriation of \$20,026 each year of the 2007-2009 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation

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Funding Sources:	NRF- Foresters	s Registration- Cash

			Historical Data		Agency Request and Executive Recommendation								
		2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009					
Commitment Item		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive			
Extra Help	5010001	11,738	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	737	925	925	926	926	926	926	926	926			
Operating Expenses	5020002	5,352	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	1,802	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total		19,629	20,025	20,025	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026			
Funding Sources	5												
Fund Balance	4000005	48,784	51,214		51,214	51,214	51,214	51,214	51,214	51,214			
Cash Fund	4000045	22,059	20,025		20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026			
Total Funding		70,843	71,239		71,240	71,240	71,240	71,240	71,240	71,240			
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(51,214)	(51,214)		(51,214)	(51,214)	(51,214)	(51,214)	(51,214)	(51,214)			
Grand Total		19,629	20,025		20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026			

The FY06 Actual amount in Capital Outlay exceeds the FY07 Authorized amount because this expense was authorized by the FY06 Capital Outlay appropriation of \$3,000.