

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

Enabling Laws

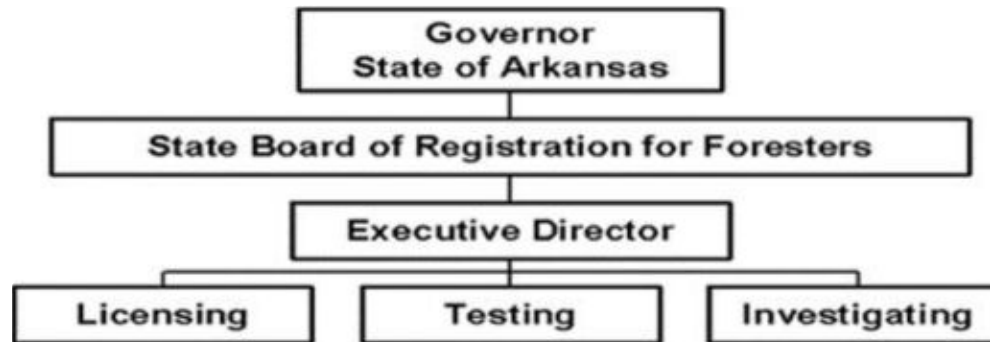
Act 136 of 2014
A.C.A. §17-31-101 et seq.

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 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, 2012

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2014

None

Publications

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

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Agency Position Usage Report

FY2012 - 2013						FY2013 - 2014						FY2014 - 2015					
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		2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015	2015-2016			2016-2017		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Extra Help	5010001	6,695	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	515	918	918	926	926	926	926	926	926
Operating Expenses	5020002	4,991	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		12,201	20,018	20,018	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	79,115	82,966		78,948	78,948	78,948	74,922	74,922	74,922
Special Revenue	4000030	16,052	16,000		16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
Total Funding		95,167	98,966		94,948	94,948	94,948	90,922	90,922	90,922
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(82,966)	(78,948)		(74,922)	(74,922)	(74,922)	(70,896)	(70,896)	(70,896)
Grand Total		12,201	20,018		20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026

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