For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND STATE NEEDS ARE CONSIDERED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK (AWIN); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND STATE ENTITIES IN THE ARKANSAS WIRELESS INFORMATION NETWORK (AWIN).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

As used in this act:

(1) "AWIN" means a multi-agency, integrated, statewide shared-use wireless communications system including, but not limited to base stations, mobile devices, portables, antennas, towers, real estate and other such devices, systems and supporting infrastructure as may be necessary for the proper functioning of such a system which is to be available for the use of all municipal, county and state entities;

(2) "Chair" means the chair of the Work Group; and

(3) "Work Group" means the AWIN Work Group.

SECTION 2. Work Group.

(a) There is created the AWIN Work Group to guide the development and
implementation of AWIN.

(b) The membership of the Work Group shall consist of:

(1) The Director of the Department of Information Systems or the director's designee;

(2) The Director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department or the director's designee;

(3) The Director of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission or the director's designee;

(4) The State Forester of the State Forester's designee;

(5) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police or the director's designee;

(6) The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism or the director's designee;

(7) The Director of the Department of Emergency Management or the director's designee;

(8) The Director of the Department of Correction or the director's designee;

(9) The Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee;

(10) The Director of Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality or the director's designee;

(11) The Adjutant General of the State Military Department or the Adjutant General's designee;

(12) The Director of the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission or the director's designee;

(13) The Director of the Department of Community Punishment or the director's designee;

(14) The Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center or the director's designee;

(15) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Health or the director's designee;

(16) The President of the Arkansas Sheriffs Association or the president's designee;

(17) The President of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police or the president's designee;

(18) The President of the Arkansas Search and Rescue Association or the president's designee;
(19) Two (2) persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
(20) Two (2) persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
(21) One (1) person appointed by the House Cochair of the Rural Fire Departments Study Commission;
(22) One (1) person appointed by the Senate Cochair of the Rural Fire Departments Study Commission;
(23) Two (2) persons appointed by the Governor; and
(24) The Chairman of the Arkansas Fire Service Alliance or the Chairman’s designee.

(c) The chair of the Work Group shall be appointed by the Governor from the membership of the Work Group. The chair may appoint subcommittees as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.
(d) The Work Group may be convened by a majority of members, or by the Chair.
(e) Members shall not receive compensation for service on the Work Group but may receive expense reimbursement as provided in Arkansas Code 25-16-902.
(f) All state agencies shall cooperate with the Work Group in the performance of its duties.
(g) The Work Group shall exist cease to exist as of July 1, 2003.

SECTION 3. The Department of Information Services shall provide staff support for the Work Group.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that there is an urgent need to implement a statewide wireless information network; that this act establishes an AWIN Work Group to guide development and implementation of a statewide wireless information network; and that this act is immediately necessary so that the AWIN Work Group can complete its work in a timely way. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the
Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/ Teague

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