

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 |
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| None | None |

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| | | Governor | General Assembly | | |
| Roster of Registered Foresters | A.C.A. 17-31-207 | N | N | 750 | Required by A.C.A. 17-31-207. |

Agency Position Usage Report

| FY2004-2005 | | | | | | FY2005-2006 | | | | | | FY2006-2007 | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|------------------------------|
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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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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

| Commitment Item | | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | | | 2008-2009 | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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.