

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

Enabling Laws

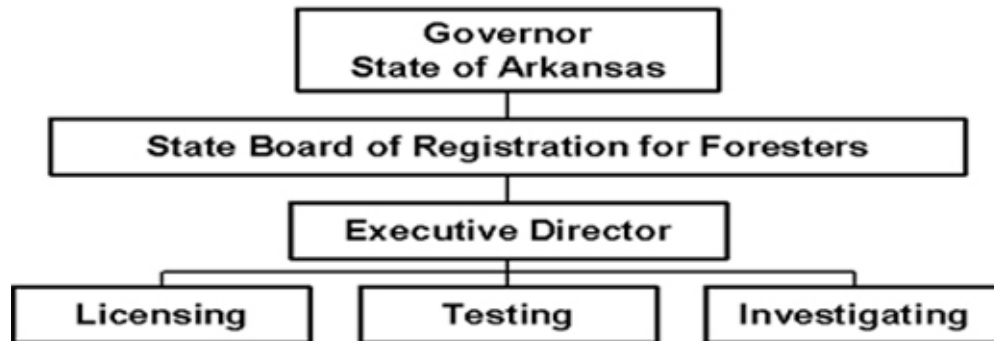
Act 6 of 2007
A.C.A. §17-31-101 et seq.

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 573 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, 2007

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Roster of Registered Foresters	A.C.A. 17-31-207	N	N	150	Required by A.C.A. 17-31-207.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2006 - 2007						FY2007 - 2008						FY2008 - 2009					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% 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 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 2009-2011 biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2007-2008 Actual	2008-2009 Budget	2008-2009 Authorized	2009-2010			2010-2011		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Extra Help 5010001	9,934	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
# Extra Help	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Personal Services Matching 5010003	917	918	926	926	926	926	926	926	926
Operating Expenses 5020002	5,170	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	16,021	20,018	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	54,478	61,124		61,106	61,106	61,106	61,080	61,080	61,080
Cash Fund 4000045	22,667	20,000		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Funding	77,145	81,124		81,106	81,106	81,106	81,080	81,080	81,080
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(61,124)	(61,106)		(61,080)	(61,080)	(61,080)	(61,054)	(61,054)	(61,054)
Grand Total	16,021	20,018		20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026	20,026