



MEMORANDUM

TO: Persons Interested in Proposed Rules for the Arkansas State Capitol and Historical Monument Protection Act of 2021

FROM: Leslie Fiskien, Chief of Legislative Affairs

DATE: January 13, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Notice and Comment Period for Proposed Rules for the Arkansas State Capitol and Historical Monument Protection Act of 2021

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism is proposing rules for the Arkansas State Capitol and Historical Monument Protection Act of 2021.

The public notice of the proposed rules will run in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on January 16, 17 and 18, 2022.

The public comment period will begin on the first day the public notice runs in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, January 16, 2022. The public comment period will run for thirty (30) days from January 16, 2022 until February 17, 2022.

The Department is accepting public comment on these proposed rules from interested persons online at state.archives@arkansas.gov. Written comments may be returned to Leslie Fiskien, Chief of Legislative Affairs, Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism, 1100 North Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, Phone: (501) 324-9162.

A public hearing to receive public comment will be held on February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism, Division of Heritage, 1100 North Street, Diamond Room, Little Rock, AR 72201. A link for virtual attendance will be made available online through the Division of Heritage, Arkansas State Archives website at <https://www.arkansasheritage.com/arkansasstatearchives/home>

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism, Division of Heritage is proposing rules for the Arkansas State Capitol and Historical Monument Protection Act of 2021.

The Arkansas State Capitol and Historical Monument Protection Act prohibits the removal, relocation, alteration or renaming of a memorial that is located on public property. The Act provides that a public entity exercising control of a memorial may petition the Arkansas History Commission in writing for a waiver from the prohibition if the monument will be moved or relocated for more than sixty (60) days.

The Act also requires governmental entities to register historical monuments erected after the effective date of this Act (April 28, 2021) with the Arkansas History Commission.

These proposed rules include establishing processes for an application procedure for waivers, a registration process for historical monuments as well as a process to request an advisory opinion to determine whether a structure or object is considered an historical monument.

Documents



[Act 1003 Historical Monument Public Notice and Comment Memorandum \(pdf\)](#)

101 KB



[Act 1003 Historical Monument Rules \(pdf\)](#)

107 KB

Public Comment Period

The Department is accepting public comment on these proposed rules through **February 17, 2022**.

Written comments may be returned to:

Leslie Fiskien

Chief of Legislative Affairs

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1100 North Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

Phone: (501) 324-9162.

Public Comments Online

Interested persons may review these proposed rules and make comments online.

[Comment Here](#)

Public Comment Hearing

A public comment hearing will be held on **February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism

Diamond Room

1100 North Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

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Zoom Meeting

Feb. 11, 2022, 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)