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# Arkansas Natural Resources Commission: Proposed Revisions to Rules Governing Conservation Districts

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The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission ("ANRC") is proposing to revise its rules governing Conservation District operations ("Draft Rules").

The rules governing conservation districts are referenced as Title 2 of ANRC's rules.

The Title 2 rules provide general operating requirements for districts created under the Arkansas Conservation District Law. See Ark. Code Ann. § 14-125-101, et seq.

Arkansas' conservation districts are governed by a board of five volunteers serving in an elected or appointed positions. The ANRC assists the districts with implementation of conservation programs along with funding of the districts.

The Draft Rules:

- Create a Conservation District Directors Emeritus Program
- Clarify election responsibilities of district directors during district elections
- Increase voter participation by allowing early voting in district elections
- Streamline district operating procedures and reflect current funding procedures

ANRC will hold a public hearing on the Draft Rules on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the agency's headquarters at 101 East Capitol, Suite 350 in Little Rock, Arkansas. The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m.

The Draft Rules can be found at <http://www.anrc.arkansas.gov/>.