

Proposed Rulemaking

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State Highway Commission

Title 27. Transportation

Chapter V. Arkansas Department of Transportation, State Highway Commission

Subchapter C. Motor Vehicles

Part 111. Permit Rules for the Movement of Oversize and Overweight Vehicles on the Arkansas State Highway System

Subpart 20. Permits for Overweight Vehicles Carrying Forestry Equipment

27 CAR § 111-2001. Introduction.

(a) Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 27-35-210(r), the State Highway Commission may issue a permit valid for one (1) year authorizing the movement of a truck tractor and single semitrailer combination with a minimum of five (5) axles hauling forestry equipment that exceeds the maximum gross weight as provided in Arkansas Code § 27-35-203 but do not exceed:

(1) Twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.) for a single axle or forty-six thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.) for a tandem axle; and

(2) A total gross weight of one hundred four thousand pounds (104,000 lbs.).

(b) A truck tractor and semitrailer combination issued such a permit shall not exceed the height, length, or width restrictions set out in Chapter 35 of Title 27 of the Arkansas Code, or as set out in this part, except as authorized by law.

27 CAR § 111-2002. Definitions.

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As used in this subpart:

(1)(A) "Forestry equipment" means nondivisible equipment, implements, accessories, and contrivances used directly and principally in the cutting or removal of timber or other sold wood forest products.

(B) "Forestry equipment" also includes equipment used to construct, maintain, or install infrastructure necessary to and associated with the logging operation; and

(2) "Timber zone" means the following zones by county, as illustrated on Attachment A:

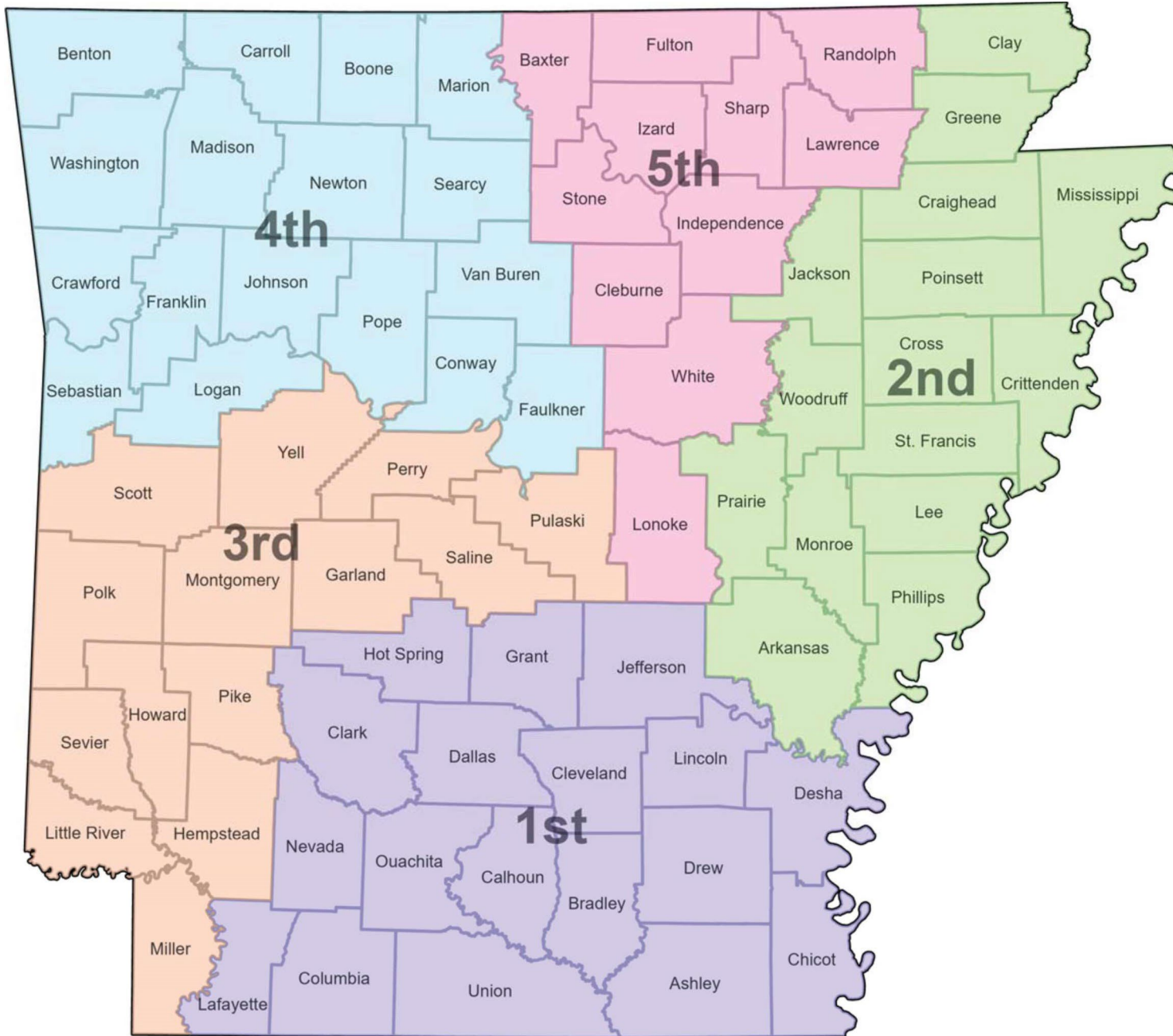
(A) Zone 1: Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Grant, Hot Spring, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lincoln, Nevada, Ouachita, and Union;

(B) Zone 2: Arkansas, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, St. Francis, and Woodruff;

(C) Zone 3: Garland, Hempstead, Howard, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Saline, Scott, Sevier, and Yell;

(D) Zone 4: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Conway, Faulkner, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, Sebastian, Van Buren, and Washington; and

(E) Zone 5: Baxter, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Lawrence, Lonoke, Randolph, Sharp, Stone, and White.



**Overweight Forestry Equipment Timber Zones
Attachment "A"**

27 CAR § 111-2003. Application information.

- (a) All permits issued pursuant to this subpart shall be considered annual permits.
- (b)(1) Any application for an annual permit pursuant to this subpart shall be for a specific timber zone as identified in 27 CAR § 111-2002(2).

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(2) At the time of the initial application, an additional contiguous zone may be requested and will be permitted in accordance with 27 CAR § 111-2004(b).

(c)(1) A permit application shall include identifying information for a specific power unit or trailer, ~~and for up to five (5) identified trailers~~, provided the number of axles and axle spacings remain the same ~~when towing the various trailers~~.

(2) Examples of identifying information include, but are not limited to, vehicle identification numbers or serial numbers.

27 CAR § 111-2004. Bond/fee information.

(a) No bond is required.

(b)(1) The fee for a permit to move overweight forestry equipment in a single zone under this subpart shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

(2) An additional contiguous zone may be permitted for an additional one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) when requested in the initial permit application.

27 CAR § 111-2005. Additional permit information.

(a) During operation of the permitted vehicle on state highways pursuant to this subpart, each driver is required to be twenty-one (21) years of age, and to maintain within the permitted vehicle their current United States Department of Transportation Medical Examiner's Certificate, if applicable.

(b)(1) When planning routes from site to site, permittees should consult idrivearkansas.com, and travel only upon routes without weight restrictions for either roads or bridges.

(2) Specifically:

(A) No travel on weight-restricted bridges;

(B) No travel on weight-restricted highways except as provided in subdivision (b)(2)(D) of this section;

(C) It is the responsibility of each permit holder to check idrivearkansas.com before traveling to identify weight-restricted roads and bridges; and

(D) Permitted vehicles that have an origin or final destination on a weight-

restricted highway may travel on those weight-restricted highways on their origin or final destination for loads within the permit limits.

Appendix A. Appendices

Link:

<https://CodeOfARRules.arkansas.gov/docs/CARCodeAppendices/Appendices/226/27CARpt.111Appendix.pdf>