

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
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4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1628

5 By: Representatives Bentley, Boyd, Crawford, Eubanks, L. Johnson, Richardson  
6 By: Senators G. Stubblefield, M. Pitsch  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TRUE GRIT TRAIL; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

12 TO CREATE THE TRUE GRIT TRAIL.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 67, Subchapter 2, is  
20 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 27-67-229. True Grit Trail.

22 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

23 (1) True Grit, a novel written by native Arkansan Charles  
24 Portis, is considered by some critics to be one of the great American novels;

25 (2) The novel follows the story of a tenacious young girl as she  
26 travels in Arkansas from the Dardanelle area to Fort Smith where she hires a  
27 United States Marshal to help her avenge her father's death;

28 (3) The novel has been adapted into screenplays for two (2)  
29 popular movies of the same name; and

30 (4) The popularity of the tale and the attention it brings to  
31 the state make a compelling case for renaming the portion of Arkansas Highway  
32 22 between Dardanelle and Fort Smith the "True Grit Trail".

33 (b) The route along Arkansas Highway 22 between Dardanelle, Arkansas,  
34 and Fort Smith, Arkansas, is designated the "True Grit Trail".

35 (c) The Arkansas Department of Transportation shall erect appropriate  
36 signs along Arkansas Highway 22 between Dardanelle, Arkansas, and Fort Smith,



1 Arkansas, designating the route as the "True Grit Trail".

2 (d) If the Arkansas Department of Transportation does not have the  
3 funds available to erect the signs required under subsection (c) of this  
4 section, the Arkansas Department of Transportation may accept and use gifts,  
5 grants, and donations received from private, public, and nonprofit sources,  
6 including without limitation a city street department or a county road  
7 department for:

8 (1) Acquiring and installing the signs required under subsection  
9 (c) of this section; and

10 (2) Maintaining, replacing, or reconstructing the signs required  
11 under subsection (c) of this section.

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