

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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A Bill

Act 744 of 2003
SENATE BILL 727

5 By: Senator Hill
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PERMIT COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY THAT ARE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING THE
11 INTERIM BETWEEN SESSIONS TO MEET DURING A RECESS
12 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN
13 DURATION, AND TO AUTHORIZE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY TO ATTEND NATIONAL AND REGIONAL
15 CONFERENCES DURING THE RECESS; AND FOR OTHER
16 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 TO AUTHORIZE THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES TO
19 MEET DURING A RECESS OF THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF TWO WEEKS OR MORE, AND TO
21 AUTHORIZE MEMBERS TO ATTEND NATIONAL AND
22 REGIONAL CONFERENCES DURING THE RECESS.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. The various committees of the General Assembly that are
29 authorized to meet during the interim between legislative sessions are hereby
30 authorized to meet during a recess of the General Assembly of two (2) weeks
31 or more in duration, and members of the General Assembly attending meetings
32 of their assigned committees or meetings of committees to which they are
33 invited by the chair or chairs during the recess shall be entitled to mileage
34 and per diem at the same rate and from the same sources as for attending
35 committee meetings held after sine die adjournment of the General Assembly.
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1 SECTION 2. When the General Assembly is in recess for a period of two
 2 (2) weeks or more, members of the General Assembly are authorized to attend
 3 national or regional conferences under the same conditions as apply to the
 4 attendance at the conferences after sine die adjournment of the General
 5 Assembly, and are entitled to receive reimbursement for reasonable and
 6 necessary expenses for travel, meals, lodging, and other authorized expenses
 7 from the same sources and under the same conditions for conferences occurring
 8 after sine die adjournment.

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 10 SECTION 3. Funds appropriated to the Bureau of Legislative Research
 11 for interim committee study expenses shall be available for use by interim
 12 committees meeting during an extended recess of the General Assembly as
 13 authorized in Section 1 of this act.

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 15 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 16 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Eighty-Fourth General
 17 Assembly will not be able to complete its business without entering into an
 18 extended recess to enable its various committees to meet, study, and report
 19 on some important issues facing the General Assembly; that under present law,
 20 many of the committees are authorized to meet and receive reimbursement for
 21 expenses incurred in attending committee meetings only during the interim
 22 between sessions of the General Assembly and not during a recess; that this
 23 act is designed to permit committees to meet and conduct business during an
 24 extended recess of the General Assembly and should be given effect
 25 immediately to enable committees to meet and give the General Assembly the
 26 benefit of their findings and recommendations before the General Assembly
 27 reconvenes after the extended recess. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
 28 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
 29 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

30 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

31 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 32 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 33 bill; or

34 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 35 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

36 APPROVED: BECAME LAW ON 3/27/2003, WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.