

# ARKANSAS SENATE

81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Regular Session, 1997

## Amendment Form

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_ to HOUSE Bill No. 2235

Amend HOUSE Bill No. 2235 as engrossed H3/20/97 by

adding "his" after "~~their~~" and before "first" on line 20 of page 2

AND

by adding the following language at the end of line 27 of page 2:

"Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, after January 1, 1999, the selection and designation of first and second alternate members from the membership of the Senate shall be in accordance with the procedure prescribed by Senate Rules."

AND

by adding the following language at the end of line 9 of page 3:

"Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, after January 1, 1999, tenure of membership and the means of filling vacant positions for Senate Council members shall be as prescribed by Senate Rules."

AND

by deleting the quotation mark on line 11 of page 4

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by adding the following new subsection on line 12 of page 4:

"(g) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, after January 1, 1999, tenure of membership and the means of filling vacant

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AND

by inserting two additional sections immediately following Section 45 to read as follows:

"SECTION 46. Arkansas Code 10-3-301(a) is amended to read as follows:

'(a) An ad interim committee of the General Assembly is hereby established as the Legislative Council to consist of the following:

(1) The Senate of the General Assembly shall select sometime before adjournment of each regular session twelve (12) members, with three (3) members to be chosen from each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state in effect on January 1, 1987, by caucus of the members of the Senate residing in their respective congressional districts. Provided, however, after January 1, 1999, the twelve (12) members selected by the Senate shall be selected in accordance with procedures prescribed by Senate Rules;

(2) The House of Representatives of the General Assembly shall select twenty (20) members in accordance with the procedure prescribed by House Rules;

(3) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, President Pro Tempore Designate, the immediate past President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the next-preceding past President Pro Tempore if the immediate past President Pro Tempore is not a member of the Senate, the Speaker Designate of the House of

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Representatives, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the immediate past Speaker of the House of Representatives, the next-preceding past Speaker of the House if the immediate past Speaker of the House is not a member of the House of Representatives, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee shall be ex officio members of the Legislative Council and shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as other Council members-;

(4) The majority party leader and minority party leader of the House of Representatives or their designees, and the majority party leader and the minority party leader in the Senate or their designees shall be members of the Legislative Council and shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as other Council members. If the majority party leader or the minority party leader in the House of Representatives elects to designate a person to serve, that designation shall be subject to confirmation by the Speaker of the House. If the majority party leader or the minority party leader in the Senate elects to designate a person to serve, that designation shall be subject to confirmation by the President Pro Tempore.' "

SECTION 47. Arkansas Code 10-3-302 is amended to read as follows:

~~'(a) The members of the Council shall elect one (1) of its members as chairman, and any~~ The House members of the Legislative Council shall select one of their number as Council Co-Chairperson and one of their number as

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Council Co-Vice-Chairperson. The Senate members of the Legislative Council shall select one of their number as Council Co-Chairperson and one of their number as Council Co-Vice-Chairperson. The House Co-Chairperson shall appoint all House Council members to Council subcommittees and the Senate Co-Chairperson shall appoint all Senate Council members of Council subcommittees. The House Co-Chairperson shall appoint a House Council member as Co-Chairperson of each Council subcommittee and the Senate Co-Chairperson shall appoint a Senate Council member as Co-Chairperson of each Council subcommittee. The Senate chairperson and the House chairperson shall alternate in presiding at meetings of the Legislative Council unless the two chairpersons shall agree otherwise. Any other officers shall be elected as the Council may deem necessary. The Council shall elect an executive secretary who shall serve as secretary of the Council at all of its meetings but without a vote.

(b) ~~Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter before the Council, and a majority vote of the membership shall be required on all matters. Twelve (12) members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. Upon the request of any three (3) members of the Council, a separate vote of House members and Senate members shall be taken on any issue or matter brought before the Council and approval of each house shall be required for the action. The adoption or amendment of the rules of the Legislative Council shall require approval by a separate vote of Senate Council members and House Council members.~~' "

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