

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representatives Easley, Beatty, Barclay, Stewart,**
5 **Brown, Purdom, Allen, Argue, Arnold, Baker, Blair,**
6 **Brownlee, Calhoun, Carter, Davis, Dawson, Dowd,**
7 **Fairchild, Flanagan, Forgey, Gibson, Gilbert, Goodwin,**
8 **Hogue, Holland, Horn, Hunton, Hutchinson, Jones, Jordan,**
9 **King, McGee, McJunkin, O. Miller, Mills, Mitchell,**
10 **Mitchum, Moreland, Mullenix, Murphy, Northcutt,**
11 **Parkerson, Pollan, Porter, Pryor, J. H. Roberts,**
12 **J. J. Roberts, Rorie, Sanson, Smith, Steele, Teague,**
13 **Thurman, Townsend, Tullis, Walker, Watts, Willems,**
14 **J. Wilson, M. Wilson, and B. Wood**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

18 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE TO REVISE THE METHOD OF
19 SELECTING THE HOUSE MEMBERS TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE;
20 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 10-3-504(a)&(b) are hereby amended to read as
25 follows:

26 "(a) The members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
27 Speaker-designate of the House of Representatives to serve on the Joint Budget
28 Committee at each biennial regular session of the General Assembly shall be
29 appointed on or before October 1 preceding the convening of the regular
30 biennial session of the General Assembly.

31 (b) The twelve (12) House members on the Joint Budget Committee shall
32 be selected as follows: Three (3) from each congressional district, as those
33 districts existed on January 1, 1991. Two (2) from each district shall be
34 selected by caucus of the House members residing within the district and one
35 (1) House member from each district shall be appointed by the Speaker-

1 designate. Furthermore, one alternate shall be selected for each House member
2 of the Joint Budget Committee in the same manner as the House member is
3 selected. The term of office of the House members and their alternates shall
4 begin on October 1 of the even numbered year following their selection and end
5 on September 30 of the next even numbered year. Alternates appointed pursuant
6 to House Bill 1148 of 1991 shall cease to serve on September 30, 1992 and
7 alternates selected hereunder shall begin serving on October 1, 1992.
8 Vacancies in a member position or alternate position selected by caucus shall
9 be filled by caucus and vacancies in a member position or alternate position
10 appointed by the Speaker-designate shall, depending upon whether the General
11 Assembly is in Regular Session, be filled by appointment by the Speaker-
12 designate or Speaker, whichever is appropriate."

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14 SECTION 2. (a) That portion of Section 1 of Act 224 of 1985 which is
15 alluded to in the publisher's notes to Arkansas Code 10-3-502 is hereby
16 repealed.

17 (b) Arkansas Code 10-3-504(c)(4) and Arkansas Code 10-3-504(d) are
18 hereby repealed.

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20 SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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24 SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
26 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
28 Act are declared to be severable.

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30 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
31 hereby repealed.

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33 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
34 Assembly that the method of selecting the House members to the Joint Budget
35 Committee should be changed; that the selection method prescribed by this Act

1 should be instituted immediately; and that until this Act becomes effective
2 the method of selection in this Act cannot be effective. Therefore, an
3 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary
4 for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full
5 force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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