

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to SENATE Rules.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 First Extraordinary Session, 2000

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5 By: Senate Rules  
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## 8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO AMEND SENATE RULE 10.03 AND SENATE RULE 10.04  
10 CONCERNING VOTING.  
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### 12 **Subtitle**

13 "TO AMEND SENATE RULE 10.03 AND SENATE  
14 RULE 10.04 CONCERNING VOTING."  
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17 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is a part-time  
18 legislative body; and

19 WHEREAS, the members of the Arkansas Senate are also engaged in various  
20 private professions, vocations, occupations, and employment that is necessary  
21 to sustain their livelihood; and

22 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arkansas is empowered to call  
23 Extraordinary Sessions of the General Assembly at any time between the regular  
24 biennial sessions of the General Assembly; and

25 WHEREAS, a member's attendance at such Extraordinary Session may pose an  
26 unavoidable conflict with prior commitments made by the Senator relative to  
27 his/her private business matters;  
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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
31 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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33 That Rule 10.03 of the Parliamentary Manual of the Senate is hereby  
34 amended to read as follows:

35 "10.03 Upon the call for the yeas and nays on any question, each member  
36 shall answer from his seat. Provided, any member shall have the right to

1 explain his vote in writing. In the event an Extraordinary Session is called  
2 by the Governor and a Senator will be unavoidably absent, the absent Senator  
3 shall be permitted to cast a vote on any question by participating in a  
4 conference telephone call which shall take place in the Senate chamber. Upon  
5 the calling of the roll, the names of the members shall be called  
6 alphabetically by surname and the absent Senator shall vote when his name is  
7 called."

8 And

9 That Rule 10.04(b) of the Parliamentary Manual of the Senate is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "10.04(b) Pairs are counted when signed by both Senators and with one  
12 (1) of the members present. During an Extraordinary Session of the General  
13 Assembly, the absent Senator may present to the Secretary of the Senate his or  
14 her signature and pair by facsimile or similar electronic transmission upon a  
15 form approved by the Secretary of the Senate."

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