

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 First Extraordinary Session, 2002

HR 1002

4
5 By: Representative Hendren
6
7

8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR, UPON PROCLAIMING AN
10 EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, PROVIDE ADEQUATE NOTICE
11 AND COPIES OF THE PROCLAMATION TO MEMBERS OF THE
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE
13 INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH,
14 LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS CONDUCT A STUDY
15 OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION PROCESS AND
16 RECOMMEND PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURE TO PROVIDE
17 ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THE SESSIONS AND OF THE ISSUES
18 INVOLVED IN PROCLAIMING THE EXTRAORDINARY
19 SESSIONS.
20

21 Subtitle

22 REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR GIVE
23 LEGISLATORS ADEQUATE NOTICE AND COPIES
24 OF THE PROCLAMATION CALLING A SPECIAL
25 SESSION AND REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE
26 EXTRAORDINARY SESSION PROCEDURES FOR THE
27 FUTURE.
28
29

30 WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 19 of the Arkansas Constitution allows the
31 Governor, by proclamation, to convene the Arkansas General Assembly into
32 session on extraordinary occasions as the Governor may declare; and
33

34 WHEREAS, on Friday, June 7, 2002, Governor Mike Huckabee issued an
35 executive proclamation calling for an extraordinary session of the Arkansas
36 General Assembly in three (3) days on Monday, June 10, 2002; and

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

WHEREAS, three days' notice is an extremely short period of time for members of the Arkansas General Assembly to change plans and make adequate alternative arrangements for schedules affecting both business and personal lives and to receive or obtain copies of the executive proclamation; and

WHEREAS, there are no guidelines, standards, or procedures by which the Governor declares or issues a proclamation calling for extraordinary sessions of the Arkansas General Assembly,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Governor is requested, on future occasions of proclaiming an extraordinary session, to provide members of the Arkansas General Assembly with seven (7) days or more notice of the time and date of the meeting and provide copies of the proclamation to members of the General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs is requested to conduct a study of the extraordinary session process and recommend procedures for the future to provide adequate notice of the sessions and of the issues involved in proclaiming the extraordinary sessions.