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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
9 THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE  
10 FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO CLARIFY THE DUTIES AND  
14 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOINT INTERIM  
15 COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 10-3-1103 – 10-3-1106 are amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 10-3-1103. When committee functions – Administrative responsibilities.

24 (a) The Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities shall  
25 function during the interim between regular sessions, fiscal sessions, or  
26 special sessions of the General Assembly and may function, if necessary,  
27 while the General Assembly is in regular session, fiscal session, special  
28 session, or an extension of a regular session, fiscal session, or special  
29 session, for the purpose of discharging its duties under this subchapter.

30 (b)(1) The Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities shall  
31 administer all provisions of this subchapter relating to repairs,  
32 improvements, and furnishing of committee rooms and legislative facilities in  
33 the State Capitol Building, including, if necessary, the payment of rental  
34 required for the housing of state agencies moved from the State Capitol  
35 Building or other facilities as a result of any project undertaken by the  
36 Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities ~~pursuant to the provisions~~



1 ~~of this subchapter~~ until space for the state agencies may be provided in  
2 other public facilities.

3 (2) The Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities shall be  
4 responsible for the reallocation of legislative space located outside of the  
5 State Capitol Building.

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7 10-3-1104. Powers and duties.

8 (a)(1) The Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities shall  
9 review the ~~existing~~ usage of the space ~~presently~~ used by the General Assembly  
10 in the State Capitol Building and shall make ~~such~~ reallocations, room use  
11 policies, thereof or improvements ~~thereto~~ as in the judgment of the ~~committee~~  
12 Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities are necessary to serve the  
13 needs of the Senate and the House of Representatives, their respective  
14 standing committees, and the several interim committees of the General  
15 Assembly and legislative staff services.

16 (2) The Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities shall  
17 review the usage of the space used by the General Assembly outside of the  
18 State Capitol Building and shall make such reallocations or room use policies  
19 as in the judgment of the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities  
20 are necessary to serve the needs of the Senate and the House of  
21 Representatives, their respective standing committees, and the several  
22 interim committees of the General Assembly and legislative staff services.

23 (b) The ~~committee~~ Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities  
24 may undertake any ~~or all~~ of the improvements contemplated in this subchapter  
25 ~~after conferring with the Legislative Council, the agencies affected, and the~~  
26 ~~Governor, giving due consideration to the needs and convenience of the~~  
27 ~~several state agencies presently housed in the State Capitol Building in~~  
28 ~~space to be converted to legislative use, and especially after considering~~  
29 ~~the plans for providing space for said agencies in a state office building,~~  
30 and may undertake improvements as a single project or in a series of projects  
31 as the ~~committee~~ Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities may  
32 determine to be in the best interest of the General Assembly.

33 (c) If, after proper investigation and the exhausting of all other  
34 reasonable alternatives, the ~~committee~~ Joint Interim Committee on Legislative  
35 Facilities deems it necessary to require any of the state agencies or other  
36 entity currently housed in space which under the provisions of this

1 subchapter is made available for legislative use to vacate the space, the  
 2 ~~committee~~ Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities may use funds  
 3 appropriated ~~in Acts 1973, No. 572, § 1~~ to the Joint Interim Committee on  
 4 Legislative Facilities, to provide rented quarters to house any such state  
 5 agency or other entity until space for the state agency or other entity  
 6 becomes available in a state-owned facility.

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 8 10-3-1105. Rooms in State Capitol Building assigned for use of General  
 9 Assembly.

10 There is assigned in the State Capitol Building for the exclusive and  
 11 continual use of the General Assembly, its members, its agencies, and its  
 12 committees:

13 (1) Room 315, consisting of the three (3) rooms on the west wing  
 14 of the third floor, these being rooms heretofore occupied by the Arkansas  
 15 State History Museum;

16 (2) Rooms 130, 138, 149, and 151, consisting of the committee  
 17 rooms and office space on the north wing of the first floor of the State  
 18 Capitol Building;

19 (3) Room 172, consisting of the office space on the southeast  
 20 wing of the first floor of the State Capitol Building;

21 (4) Rooms 272 and 274, consisting of the committee room and  
 22 office space on the southeast wing of the second floor of the State Capitol  
 23 Building;

24 (5) Room 433, consisting of the space on the west portion of the  
 25 fourth floor of the State Capitol Building;

26 (6) Room 171, consisting of the committee room and office space  
 27 on the southeast wing of the first floor of the State Capitol Building;

28 (7) Rooms 205 and 207, consisting of the office space and  
 29 committee rooms on the southwest wing of the second floor;

30 (8) Room 309, consisting of the space on the southwest wing of  
 31 the third floor of the State Capitol Building;

32 (9) Rooms 02, 07, 08, 09, 19, 58, 59, 60, and 61, consisting of  
 33 office space in the basement of the State Capitol Building;

34 (10) The former Supreme Court chamber on the south end of the  
 35 second floor of the State Capitol Building, to serve as a large Senate  
 36 committee room, but preserving the present decor of the chamber, i.e.,

1 changes contemplated involve only such things as air conditioning, carpeting,  
2 repainting, improved lighting, and installation of sound and recording  
3 equipment, and necessary committee tables and chairs, and other minor  
4 changes, essentially preserving the room in its present state; and

5 (11) Other space occupied by the House of Representatives, the  
6 Senate, and legislative staff services.

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8 10-3-1106. Additional legislative space.

9 In addition to the space now provided in the State Capitol Building for  
10 the General Assembly and its committees, the following additional space in  
11 the State Capitol Building is designated as legislative space if the Joint  
12 Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities determines that it is needed for  
13 legislative committee space or for other legislative facilities:

14 ~~(1) The office space on the north wing of the first floor of the~~  
15 ~~State Capitol Building currently used by the Division of Purchasing, the~~  
16 ~~Department of Correction, the Department of Parks and Tourism, and the~~  
17 ~~Department of Commerce;~~

18 ~~(2) Rooms 120, 122 and 124, consisting of the~~ The office space  
19 on the west side of the first floor of the State Capitol Building presently  
20 used by the Public Employees' Retirement System, which shall be made  
21 available to the Division of Legislative Audit, or such other legislative  
22 uses as may be determined by the committee;

23 ~~(3) The office space on the southeast wing of the first floor of~~  
24 ~~the State Capitol Building presently assigned to the Accounting Division of~~  
25 ~~the Department of Finance and Administration, and any other portion of the~~  
26 ~~space assigned to the Department of Finance and Administration the committee~~  
27 ~~determines is needed for legislative use;~~

28 ~~(4) The office space on the southeast wing of the second floor~~  
29 ~~of the State Capitol Building currently assigned for use by the Budget~~  
30 ~~Division of the Department of Finance and Administration. The space now~~  
31 ~~provided for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission on the southwest~~  
32 ~~wing of the second floor of the State Capitol Building shall be made~~  
33 ~~available for the Budget Division of the Department of Finance and~~  
34 ~~Administration unless the director determines that the location of the Budget~~  
35 ~~Division in some other facilities would be more advantageous to the agency;~~

36 ~~(5) The former Supreme Court Chamber on the south end of the~~

1 ~~second floor of the State Capitol Building, to be air conditioned and serve~~  
2 ~~as a large Senate committee room, but preserving the present decor of the~~  
3 ~~chamber, i.e., changes contemplated involve only such things as air~~  
4 ~~conditioning, carpeting, repainting, improved lighting, and installation of~~  
5 ~~sound and recording equipment, and necessary committee tables and chairs, and~~  
6 ~~other minor changes, essentially preserving the room in its present state;~~  
7 ~~and~~

8 ~~(6) The space presently assigned the Division of Legislative~~  
9 ~~Audit on the west portion of the fourth floor of the State Capitol Building~~  
10 ~~shall be available for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative~~  
11 ~~Council, Budget and Fiscal Review Section, or such other uses as determined~~  
12 ~~by the committee.~~

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-3-1109(a), concerning contracts awarded  
15 by the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities, is amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 (a)(1) Construction work to be performed shall be under contract, to  
18 be awarded by the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities to the  
19 lowest responsible bidder, but the total cost of the project, including cost  
20 of publishing legal notices, payment of architect fees, payments to  
21 contractors, and all other expenses of whatever nature incident to and  
22 reasonably necessary in connection with the project shall not exceed the  
23 appropriation provided for it.

24 (2) All expenditures of funds shall be in strict compliance with  
25 the applicable provisions of the fiscal laws of this state pertaining to the  
26 expenditure of public funds and the state purchasing laws of this state.

27 ~~(3) All contracts let under the provisions of this subchapter~~  
28 ~~shall be subject to the approval of the Governor, the Auditor of State, and~~  
29 ~~the Treasurer of State, as provided in Arkansas Constitution, Article 19,~~  
30 ~~Section 15 [repealed].~~

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32 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 10-3-1110 is repealed.

33 ~~10-3-1110. Disbursing agent.~~

34 ~~The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative~~  
35 ~~Council shall be, ex officio, the disbursing agent of the appropriation made~~  
36 ~~in Acts 1973, No. 572, § 1 and all disbursements shall be upon the direction~~

1 ~~or authorization of the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities.~~  
2 ~~Any additional bond required of the director as disbursing agent of the funds~~  
3 ~~appropriated in Acts 1973, No. 572, § 1, shall be paid from the funds~~  
4 ~~appropriated therein.~~

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6 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-2-103(c), concerning the applicability  
7 of the authority of the Arkansas Building Authority, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 (c) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in any manner so as  
10 to affect, supersede, or in any other way alter the powers, duties, and  
11 responsibilities of the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities as  
12 created by §§ 10-3-1101 – 10-3-1104 and 10-3-1106 – ~~10-3-1110~~ 10-3-1109, and  
13 the provisions of §§ 10-3-1101 – 10-3-1104 and 10-3-1106 – ~~10-3-1110~~ 10-3-  
14 1109 shall not be repealed by this chapter.

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