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9 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

10 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11 THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND THE  
12 PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-  
13 CHAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH  
19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Subdivision 54.(b)(1) of the Rules of the House of  
26 Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, concerning appointment  
27 of members to select committees, is amended to read as follows:

28 (1) With the exception of the House Budget Committee, the Speaker  
29 shall appoint all members, ~~and all alternates, chairs, and vice-chairs~~ on all  
30 House select committees and all Joint Select Committees. The Speaker shall  
31 appoint ex-officio members in accordance with the law.

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33 SECTION 2. Subdivision 54.(b)(3) of the Rules of the House of  
34 Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, concerning membership  
35 of the House Budget Committee, is amended to read as follows:

1           (3)(A) The House Budget Committee shall consist of six (6)  
 2 members of the House of Representatives and two (2) alternates from each  
 3 House caucus district. At the time the alternates are selected, one (1) shall  
 4 be designated as first alternate and the other as second alternate. The term  
 5 of office of the members shall be from January 1 of odd-numbered years  
 6 through December 31 of the following even-numbered year. Vacancies in either  
 7 a member or alternate member position shall be filled in the same manner as  
 8 the initial member or alternate member position was filled. House Budget  
 9 Committee membership shall be confirmed at the same time that House members  
 10 are administered the oath of office. Prior to confirmation, however, members  
 11 chosen to serve on the House Budget Committee shall conduct pre-session  
 12 budget hearings, either standing alone or in conjunction with the Legislative  
 13 Council.

14                       (B) The chair and vice-chair of the House Budget Committee  
 15 shall be selected by the members of the House Budget Committee. Only a  
 16 member of the majority party may serve as the chair of the House Budget  
 17 Committee.

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 19           SECTION 3. Subdivision 54.(c)(1) of the Rules of the House of  
 20 Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, concerning appointment  
 21 of chairs and vice-chairs for committees of the House of Representatives, is  
 22 amended to read as follows:

23           54.(c)(1) ~~The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall~~  
 24 ~~appoint a chairperson and a vice chairperson of each standing committee and~~  
 25 ~~each select committee who shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the~~  
 26 ~~House of Representatives.~~ The chair and vice-chair of each standing committee  
 27 shall be selected by the members of the standing committee at the first  
 28 meeting of each standing committee. Only a member of the majority party may  
 29 serve as the chair of a standing committee. The Speaker, in consultation with  
 30 the ~~chairperson~~ chair of each standing committee, shall appoint from the  
 31 membership of each permanent subcommittee, a ~~chairperson~~ chair and ~~vice~~  
 32 ~~chairperson~~ vice-chair provided however that the ~~vice chairperson~~ vice-chair  
 33 of the standing committee may be the chairperson of a permanent subcommittee.  
 34 No member of the House of Representatives, with the exception of each House  
 35 standing committee ~~vice chairperson~~ vice-chair, shall be ~~chairperson~~ chair or

1 ~~vice chairperson~~ vice-chair of more than one (1) standing committee, select  
 2 committee, or permanent subcommittee.

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 4 SECTION 4. Subsection 80.(a) of the Rules of the House of  
 5 Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, concerning selection  
 6 of House of Representatives members of the Legislative Council, is amended to  
 7 read as follows:

8 80.(a)(1) The House of Representatives shall select twenty (20)  
 9 members to serve on the Legislative Council, to include five (5) members from  
 10 each of the four (4) House district caucuses, in the manner set forth in Rule  
 11 54.(b) of these rules.

12 (2) The ~~Speaker~~ members of the Legislative Council shall select  
 13 one (1) of their number as Legislative Council co-chair and one (1) of their  
 14 number as Legislative Council co-vice-chair. No more than two (2) members  
 15 selected from each caucus shall reside within the same county. The term of  
 16 office of the members shall be from January 1 of odd-numbered years to  
 17 December 31 of the following even-numbered year. Legislative Council  
 18 membership shall be confirmed at the same time that House members are  
 19 administered the oath of office.

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 21 SECTION 5. Subsection 81.(a) of the Rules of the House of  
 22 Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, concerning selection  
 23 of House of Representatives members of the Legislative Joint Auditing  
 24 Committee, is amended to read as follows:

25 81.(a) The House of Representatives shall select twenty (20) members to  
 26 serve on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, to include five (5)  
 27 members from each of the four (4) House District Caucuses, in the manner set  
 28 forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules. Following the selections, the ~~Speaker~~  
 29 ~~of the House of Representatives~~ members of the Legislative Joint Auditing  
 30 Committee shall select one (1) of their number as Legislative Joint Auditing  
 31 Committee co-chair and one (1) of their number as Legislative Joint Auditing  
 32 Committee co-vice-chair. No more than two (2) members shall reside within the  
 33 same county. The term of office of the members shall be from January 1 of  
 34 odd-numbered years to December 31 of the following even-numbered year.  
 35 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee membership shall be confirmed at the  
 36 same time that House members are administered the oath of office.

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