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2 94th General Assembly  
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HR 1091

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9 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

10 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11 THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO REVISE THE  
12 SPEAKER-DESIGNATE SELECTION PROCEDURES.

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15 **Subtitle**

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18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Section 10.(a)(1) of the Rules of the House of  
25 Representatives, concerning the selection of the Speaker-Designate, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 10.(a)(1) A caucus of the entire House of Representatives shall be held  
28 fifteen (15) minutes following sine die adjournment of the fiscal session  
29 held in each even-numbered year, at which time the members of the House shall  
30 select by ~~secret ballot~~ voice vote by roll call a member of the House to be  
31 known as the Speaker-designate. Each candidate for Speaker-designate shall be  
32 allowed fifteen (15) minutes to address the House before the ~~ballot~~ voice  
33 vote by roll call is taken. All members are required to be present for the  
34 addresses and for the election. In the event a member is unable to attend,  
35 absentee ballots may be requested by a member for himself/herself from the  
36 Speaker's Office no sooner than twenty (20) calendar days prior to the



1 scheduled election and must be completed and returned to the Speaker's Office  
2 no later than four p.m. (4:00 p.m.) the day before the scheduled election.

3 Each member's absentee vote shall be read aloud by the Parliamentarian upon  
4 the reading of the absent member's name during the roll call vote. It is the

5 intent of the Speaker's office to accommodate any and all members for  
6 Speaker-designate voting, should a member have a documented emergency arise,  
7 the Speaker may direct staff to allow for absentee voting up to two (2) hours  
8 prior to the scheduled election. Leave for absence shall be requested  
9 immediately before the time of the election. The Speaker shall announce the  
10 name and number of votes received by the candidate who received at least a  
11 majority of the votes of the membership of the House. Each candidate shall be  
12 entitled to verify the number of votes he or she received.

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