

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (d) OF SECTION 3 OF ACT 572 OF 1973 [ARK. STATS. 4-141(a)(d)] TO CLARIFY THE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. That subsection (a) of Section 3 of Act 572 of 1973, the same being subsection (a) of Section 4-141 of the Arkansas Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) There is hereby established a joint ad interim committee of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly, to be known as the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities, to consist of fourteen (14) members of the General Assembly, as follows:

(1) the Chairman of the House Joint Budget committee and the Chairman of the Senate Joint Budget Committee;

(2) two (2) members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(3) four (4) members of the Senate to be appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Efficiency Committee;

(4) the Chairman of the House Management Committee, and two (2) additional members of the House Management Committee to be designated by the Chairman thereof; and

(5) the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee,' shall function during the interim between regular or special sessions of the General Assembly, and may function, if necessary, while the General Assembly is in regular session, special session, or an extension of a regular or special session, for the purpose of discharging its duties under this Act, and shall administer all provisions of this Act relating to repairs, improvements, and furnishing of committee rooms and legislative facilities in the State Capitol Building, including, if necessary, the payment of rental required for the housing of State agencies moved from the State Capitol Building as a result of any project or projects undertaken by said Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Act, until space for said agencies may be provided in other public facilities.

The Committee shall select from its membership two (2) cochairmen, one (1) cochairman to be a member of the House of Representatives to be elected by the members of the Committee who are members of the House, and one (1) cochairman to be a Senator to be elected by the members of the Committee who are members of the Senate, and the Committee may elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its duties. The two (2) cochairmen shall preside at each meeting of the Committee, or may rotate from meeting to meeting as presiding officers, as they determine. A majority vote of the full membership of the Committee shall be necessary to take final action on any matter. The Committee may establish rules for its procedures, and shall meet upon call of the cochairmen thereof, or upon call by a majority of its members, or at such other intervals as may be established in its rules. The members of the Committee shall receive per diem at the rate provided by law for attendance by members of the General Assembly at meetings of Joint Interim Committees, for each day in attending meetings of the Committee, or performing

other duties as authorized by the Committee, and in addition thereto, shall receive mileage for travel from their homes to the State Capitol Building at the rate provided by law for State employees. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council shall serve as Secretary to the Committee, without a vote."

SECTION 2. That subsection (d) of Section 3 of Act 572 of 1973, the same being subsection (d) of Section 4-141 of the Arkansas Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) Construction work to be performed shall be under contract(s), to be awarded by the Committee to the lowest responsible bidder(s), but the total cost of the project(s), including cost of publishing legal notices, payment of architect fees, payments to contractors, and all other expenses of whatever nature incident to and reasonably necessary in connection with the project, shall not exceed the appropriation provided therefor; and all expenditures of funds shall be in strict compliance with the applicable provisions of the fiscal laws of this State pertaining to the expenditure of public funds and the State purchasing laws of this State."

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities is charged with the responsibility of supervising the construction, improvement, and repair of legislative committee rooms and other legislative facilities in the State Capitol Building during the interim between legislative sessions; that Act 572 of 1973 contained provisions for service on said Committee by members of the General Assembly who no longer serve as members of the House or Senate, and that the immediate passage of this Act is necessary in order to revise the membership of the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities, in order that said members may be appointed and assume their duties immediately upon adjournment of the regular session of the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act, being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall take effect and be in force from the date of its approval.

APPROVED: April 14, 1987

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