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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 TO ADOPT THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
9 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO ADOPT THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE  
14 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
19 OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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22 **JOINT RULES**  
23 **OF THE**  
24 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
25 **AND THE SENATE**

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27 **Joint Session - How Convened**

28 Section 1. When, by the Constitution or laws of the state, a joint  
29 meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives is required, they shall  
30 assemble with their clerks on the day and at the hour previously agreed on  
31 for that purpose in the hall of the House of Representatives.

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33 **Officers of Joint Session**

34 Section 2. When the meeting is assembled, the President of the Senate  
35 and Speaker of the House shall preside in conjunction, and the meeting shall  
36 be governed by such standing rules as shall have been adopted for that



1 purpose by the concurrence of both houses. They shall have power to punish  
2 any person, other than a member, for disorderly or contemptuous behavior in  
3 their presence, by fine and imprisonment, in the same manner and to the same  
4 extent as either house may do, for like conduct before it, by the  
5 Constitution and laws of this state.

6 (A) Any member of either house who shall be guilty of  
7 disorderly behavior in the presence of the meeting may be punished by the  
8 house of which he or she is a member, in the same manner as if the offense  
9 had been committed in the presence of that house.

10 (B) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House  
11 shall both keep records of the proceedings, to be entered on the Journal of  
12 their respective houses.

#### 13 14 Manner of Presenting Bills, Etc.

15 Section 3. All bills, resolutions, votes and amendments by either  
16 house, to which the concurrence of both is necessary, as well as messages,  
17 shall be presented to the other by the Clerk or Secretary of the house from  
18 which they are sent or by the assistant secretary or assistant clerk.

#### 19 20 Contents of Bills

21 Section 4. No bill or resolution shall be passed by either house  
22 containing more than one subject, which shall be expressed in the title.  
23 House bills and resolutions shall have at least one House sponsor, and Senate  
24 bills and resolutions shall have at least one Senate Sponsor. House bills,  
25 House concurrent resolutions, and House joint resolutions may have Senate  
26 sponsors, and Senate bills, Senate concurrent resolutions, and Senate joint  
27 resolutions may have House sponsors.

#### 28 29 Notice of Bill Rejection

30 Section 5. When a bill or resolution which has passed one house shall  
31 be rejected by the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which  
32 the same shall have passed.

#### 33 34 Engrossment of Bills

35 Section 6. After adoption of an amendment on the floor of the Senate,  
36 regardless whether the bill or resolution originated in the House or the

1 Senate, the Senate shall engross the bill or resolution as amended. After  
 2 the adoption of the amendment on the floor of the House of Representatives,  
 3 regardless whether the bill or resolution originated in the House or the  
 4 Senate, the House of Representatives shall engross the bill or resolution as  
 5 amended.

6 This rule may be waived by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or  
 7 in his absence the Chairman of Senate Rules Committee, or the Speaker of the  
 8 House of Representatives.

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#### Enrollment of Bills

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Section 7. When a bill shall have passed both houses, it shall be  
 12 enrolled by the enrolling clerk of the house in which it originated.

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Section 8. All bills must be enrolled and reported to each house by  
 14 the committee designated by each house to supervise the enrolling of bills,  
 15 within three (3) days after their passage; provided, that if the  
 16 reconsideration of any bill is moved, in either house, previous to its  
 17 presentation to the Governor, the committee shall hold the same until action  
 18 is taken upon such motion.

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Section 9. No bill, resolution, or memorial shall be sent to the  
 20 Governor for his approval, unless the same shall have been clearly and fairly  
 21 enrolled without obliteration or interlineation.

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#### Signing of Bills

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Section 10. After examination and report by the committee responsible  
 25 for enrolling bills, each bill shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of  
 26 Representatives and by the President of the Senate. Each page of a bill  
 27 shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the right  
 28 margin, and shall be signed by the President of the Senate on the left margin  
 29 of each page. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
 30 of the Senate shall manually sign each page of each bill, or may provide, at  
 31 their option and under their supervision, for the affixing thereto of their  
 32 facsimile signature ~~in the manner and procedure provided by Act 69 of 1959.~~  
 33 ~~(Arkansas Code §§ 21-10-101 thru 21-10-106)~~

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#### ~~Announcement of Message~~

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~~Section 11. When the Secretary of the Senate or Chief Clerk of the~~

1 ~~House, or either of the assistants, shall wait upon the other house, notice~~  
 2 ~~thereof shall be given to the President or Speaker of the House by the~~  
 3 ~~Sergeant at Arms, or Assistant Sergeant at Arms, who shall declare the same,~~  
 4 ~~and a copy of the message to be laid on the table of the clerk or secretary.~~

#### 6 ~~Bills Passed by the Other House~~

7 ~~Section 12. Tuesday and Friday of each week are hereby set apart in~~  
 8 ~~each house for the special and exclusive consideration of bills and~~  
 9 ~~resolutions, which may have been passed by the other house, and the~~  
 10 ~~consideration of such bills and resolutions shall take precedence over all~~  
 11 ~~the other business on these days immediately after the expiration of one (1)~~  
 12 ~~hour after the house shall be called to order by the presiding officer;~~  
 13 ~~provided, that the reading of the Journal shall be completed in any event.~~

#### 15 ~~Conference Committee~~

16 ~~Section 13.11. When either body shall request a conference, and appoint~~  
 17 ~~a committee for that purpose, the other body shall also appoint a committee~~  
 18 ~~of equal number to confer, and such conference shall be held at any time and~~  
 19 ~~place agreed upon by the Chairpersons.~~

#### 21 ~~Suspension of Joint Rules~~

22 ~~Section 14.12. No joint rules shall be dispensed with but by a~~  
 23 ~~concurrent vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each house, and if either house shall~~  
 24 ~~violate a joint rule, the question of order may be raised in the other house,~~  
 25 ~~and decided in the same manner as in case of a violation of the rules of such~~  
 26 ~~house.~~

#### 28 ~~Appropriation Bills~~

29 ~~Section 15.13. The general appropriation bill, and all appropriation~~  
 30 ~~bills recommended "do pass" by the Joint Budget Committee, shall be~~  
 31 ~~privileged bills advanced upon the calendar, and take precedence over all~~  
 32 ~~other bills at any time after the reading of the Journal. It shall be in~~  
 33 ~~order, by the direction of the appropriate committee, to move that the House~~  
 34 ~~or Senate (as the case may be) resolve itself into the committee of the whole~~  
 35 ~~house for the purpose of considering the general appropriation bill, and no~~  
 36 ~~dilatory motion shall be entertained by the presiding officer.~~

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Deadline for the Introduction of Bills

Section ~~16~~14. (A) An "appropriation bill" means a bill by the General Assembly that authorizes the expenditure of moneys if moneys are available.

(B)(1) No appropriation bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house; and, no other bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifty-fifth (55th) day of a regular session, except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house. When the filing deadline for any bills or resolutions ends on Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is hereby extended until the close of business the following Monday.

(2) Any proposed legislation affecting any publicly supported retirement system or pension plan to be considered by the General Assembly at a regular session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during the first fifteen (15) calendar days of a regular session.

(3) No such bill shall be introduced after the fifteenth (15th) day of a regular session unless its introduction is first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each house of the General Assembly.

(C)(1) No appropriation bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifteenth (15th) day of a fiscal session except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house.

(2) For a fiscal session, a non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction until identical resolutions authorizing the introduction of the non-appropriation bill have been approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house.

(3) The identical resolutions authorizing the introduction of a non-appropriation bill in a fiscal session shall not be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of a fiscal session.

(4) A non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifteenth

1 (15th) day of a fiscal session.

2 (D) When the filing deadline for any bills or resolutions  
3 ends on Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is extended until the close of  
4 business the following Monday.

5 (E) A bill affecting any publicly supported retirement  
6 system or systems shall not be introduced or considered at any special  
7 session of the General Assembly unless the introduction and consideration of  
8 the bill is first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full  
9 membership of each house of the General Assembly. ~~(Arkansas Code § 10-2-115).~~

10 (F) If the General Assembly recesses for longer than three  
11 (3) consecutive days during the first fifteen (15) days of a regular session,  
12 the fifteen-day introduction deadline shall be extended for a time period  
13 equal to the recess.

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#### 15 Introduction of Health Care Legislation

16 Section ~~17~~15. (A) Any proposed legislation affecting the licensure of  
17 any profession, occupation, or class of health care providers not currently  
18 licensed, or expanding the scope of practice of any profession, occupation,  
19 or class of health care providers to be considered by the General Assembly at  
20 a regular biennial session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during  
21 the first fifteen (15) calendar days of a regular biennial session.

22 (B) No such bill shall be introduced after the fifteenth  
23 (15th) day of a regular biennial session unless its introduction is first  
24 approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each house  
25 of the General Assembly.

26 (C) The Senate and the House, and committees of the Senate  
27 and House, shall take no action on any such bill for an additional fifteen  
28 (15) calendar days after the fifteen (15) calendar day deadline for  
29 introduction of such bills has passed.

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#### 31 Method of Preparing Bills

##### 32 and Resolutions - Automated Bill Preparation System

33 Section ~~18~~16. (A) No bill or resolution, as defined herein, shall be  
34 accepted for introduction by clerks of the Senate or of the House of  
35 Representatives unless such bill or resolution has been prepared for  
36 introduction by an automated bill preparation system developed by the Bureau

1 of Legislative Research.

2 (1) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall establish and  
3 operate, in cooperation with the appropriate officials of the House of  
4 Representatives and the Senate, an automated bill preparation system in which  
5 all bills and resolutions, as defined herein, shall be prepared for  
6 introduction. Such system shall be designed in a manner which will permit  
7 either or both houses of the General Assembly to install compatible and  
8 interconnecting electronic equipment for the preparation of bills and  
9 resolutions in the same format as prepared by the Bureau of Legislative  
10 Research for introduction in either house of the General Assembly.

11 (2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide the  
12 Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
13 access by electronic medium to the central bill files in which bills and  
14 resolutions recorded in the automated bill preparation system are stored, to  
15 enable the engrossing rooms of the respective houses to have ready access  
16 thereto for enrollment of engrossed amendments adopted to such bills and  
17 resolutions.

18 (3) As used herein:

19 (a) "resolutions" shall mean all resolutions prepared for  
20 introduction which require the concurrence of both houses of the General  
21 Assembly for the adoption thereof, and shall include resolutions prepared for  
22 consideration by only the house in which introduced;

23 (b) "automated bill preparation system" shall mean an  
24 automated system using word processors, computers, or other electronic  
25 devices for the typing and preparation of bills and resolutions (as defined  
26 herein) for introduction by members of the General Assembly in either the  
27 Senate or the House of Representatives, and shall include the following  
28 features:

29 (i) a separate identification number, to be placed  
30 upon each page of the original and each copy thereof prepared for  
31 introduction in the General Assembly;

32 (ii) a method of electronically recording the  
33 contents of each bill and resolution for ready access for retrieval and  
34 engrossment purposes;

35 (iii) security features to protect the automated  
36 bill preparation files from access by unauthorized persons, and to maintain

1 the integrity and confidentiality of drafts of bills and resolutions prepared  
2 by the Bureau of Legislative Research for members of the General Assembly  
3 which have not been filed for introduction; and

4 (iv) such other features as deemed to be necessary  
5 and advisable by the Bureau of Legislative Research after consulting with the  
6 appropriate officials of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

7 (B) All bills and resolutions introduced in the House and  
8 Senate shall be prepared on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. ~~A computer generated~~  
9 ~~original and eight (8) copies of the bill or resolution, or a photocopy of an~~  
10 ~~original computer generated copy with eight (8) additional copies thereof,~~  
11 ~~shall~~ The number of copies of bills and resolutions to be prepared for  
12 introduction shall be specified by the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief  
13 Clerk of the House of Representatives. ~~The original computer generated~~ One  
14 (1) copy shall be placed in the manuscript cover provided for the official  
15 copy of bills or resolutions and a photocopy of the computer generated  
16 ~~original~~ one (1) copy shall be placed in the manuscript cover provided for  
17 the duplicate copy, with the eight (8) any additional copies thereof to be  
18 attached thereto in such the manner as may be prescribed by the respective  
19 houses. In addition, eight (8) copies of the caption on each bill or  
20 resolution shall be prepared and attached thereto at the time of  
21 introduction.

22 (C) Upon the introduction of each bill and resolution, the  
23 appropriate clerks of the respective houses shall cause the original signed  
24 copy thereof (which is contained in the official bill or resolution  
25 manuscript cover) to be identified as the official copy by perforation or  
26 stamping on the left margin of each page thereof the words "HOUSE ORIGINAL"  
27 to be placed on each official original copy of House bills and resolutions,  
28 and the words "SENATE ORIGINAL" to be placed on the left margin of each  
29 official original copy of Senate bills and resolutions. Whenever any bill or  
30 resolution is amended, the engrossed page or pages thereof shall be  
31 perforated in the same manner as the original introduced copy. Only the  
32 original signed copy of a bill or resolution and engrossed pages thereof  
33 shall be perforated or stamped as provided herein.

34 (D) If any person shall unlawfully perforate any  
35 fraudulent or counterfeit copy of any bill or resolution for the purpose of  
36 intentionally inserting in any bill or resolution any page or provision



1   thereof for the purpose of altering the bill or resolution as introduced,  
2   such person shall be in contempt of the House or Senate, or both House and  
3   Senate, and shall be punished accordingly. If any person shall make any  
4   alteration, change or erasure in any original copy of a bill or resolution as  
5   originally introduced, except upon direction of the House or Senate, or both  
6   House and Senate, or upon direction of the appropriate committees on  
7   engrossed or enrolled bills, such person shall be in contempt of the House or  
8   Senate, or both of them and shall be punished accordingly. In addition, such  
9   person shall be subject to such fine and imprisonment as may be imposed by  
10  the laws of this State for fraud.

11                   (E)(1) Only bills and amendments to bills which meet the  
12  requirements of this subsection (E) may be introduced into the Senate or the  
13  House of Representatives.

14                   (2) Except as provided in subsections (E)(5), (6) and (8), all  
15  bills and amendments to bills shall reflect the changes proposed in the  
16  existing law by:

17                   (a) over striking all language of the existing law which  
18  is proposed to be deleted; and

19                   (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to  
20  the existing law. At the top of the first page of the bill shall appear  
21  language substantially similar to the following: "Stricken language would be  
22  deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present  
23  law."

24                   (3) Except as provided in subsections (E)(5), (6) and (8), all  
25  resolutions proposing amendments to the Arkansas Constitution and amendments  
26  to resolutions shall reflect the changes proposed in the existing  
27  Constitution by:

28                   (a) over striking all language of the existing  
29  Constitution which is proposed to be deleted; and

30                   (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to  
31  the existing Constitution. At the top of the first page of the bill shall  
32  appear language substantially similar to the following: "Stricken language  
33  would be deleted from the present Constitution. Underlined language would be  
34  added to present Constitution."

35                   (4) Except as provided in subsections (E)(5), (6) and (8), all  
36  resolutions proposing changes in the rules of the Senate or House or the

1 joint rules of the Senate and House shall reflect the changes proposed in the  
2 existing rule by:

3 (a) over striking all language of the existing rule which  
4 is proposed to be deleted; and

5 (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to  
6 the existing rule. At the top of the first page of the resolution shall  
7 appear language substantially similar to the following: "Stricken language  
8 would be deleted from present rule. Underlined language would be added to  
9 present rule."

10 (5) This subsection (E) may be waived by the President Pro  
11 Tempore of the Senate or in his absence, the Chairman of the Senate Rules  
12 Committee, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

13 (6) Markups are not required of the following:

14 (a) appropriation sections, state agencies regular salary  
15 sections, and state agencies extra help sections contained within a bill if  
16 the sections do not specifically amend existing law;

17 (b) sections which allocate funds within the Revenue  
18 Stabilization Law or within the General Improvement Fund Distribution Law;  
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20 (c) sections which amend Arkansas Code §§ 21-5-208(b) and  
21 21-5-209(e).

22 (7) It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Joint Budget  
23 Committee to have a schedule prepared which reflects the amounts approved by  
24 the Joint Budget Committee for each category for each fund within the Revenue  
25 Stabilization Law to provide funding for the budget enacted by the General  
26 Assembly and a schedule reflecting the proposed distribution of General  
27 Improvement funds. The schedule reflecting the allocation of funds in the  
28 Revenue Stabilization Law for the next fiscal year shall be submitted during  
29 a regular session or fiscal session to each body of the Arkansas General  
30 Assembly at least three (3) calendar days prior to the day at which the same  
31 is to be considered for final passage. The schedule reflecting the  
32 allocation of funds in the General Improvement Fund Distribution Law for the  
33 next biennium shall be submitted during a regular session to each body of the  
34 Arkansas General Assembly at least three (3) calendar days prior to the day  
35 at which the same is to be considered for final passage.

36 (8) Markups are not required on sections that are substantially

1 the same as the following boiler-plate sections:  
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3       “SECTION. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
4 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
5 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
6 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
7 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
8 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure  
9 Restrictions Act, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the  
10 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
11 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.  
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13       SECTION. EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in  
14 this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment  
15 for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in  
16 writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the  
17 required legal services. The Attorney General’s Office shall provide the  
18 required legal services, or, if the Attorney General’s Office shall determine  
19 that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal  
20 services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the agency and may  
21 authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies  
22 appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations thereof, if:

23           (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing,  
24 that such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

25           (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment  
26 of the legal counsel to be retained by the agency.

27           Such certification shall be required with respect to each  
28 instance of the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required  
29 annually with respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy  
30 of such certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency,  
31 and shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.  
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33       SECTION. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
34 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
35 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
36 therefore as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and

1 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
2 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
3 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
4 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
5 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
6 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
7 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
8 ~~be~~ not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this Act.

9 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the  
10 State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law,  
11 the Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
12 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
13 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
14 disbursement of any funds provided by this Act unless specifically provided  
15 otherwise by law.

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17 SECTION. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
18 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
19 in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act  
20 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
21 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
22 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
23 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
24 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and  
25 adoption.

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27 Section ~~19~~17. (A) Once a Senate bill has passed the House of  
28 Representatives and returned to the Senate, it may not be subsequently  
29 amended in the Senate unless the House expunges the vote by which it passed  
30 the bill and any amendments to the bill and the Senate expunges the vote by  
31 which the bill was passed and places the bill on second reading.

32 (B) Once a House bill has passed the Senate and has been  
33 returned to the House, it may not be subsequently amended in the House unless  
34 the Senate expunges the vote by which it passed the bill and any amendments  
35 to the bill and the House expunges the vote by which the bill was passed and  
36 places the bill on second reading.

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Submission of Bills to Governor

Section ~~20~~18. Whenever any Senate bill shall be approved by the House of Representatives and enrolled by the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate or one of his or her authorized agents shall without delay, deliver the same to the Governor or his or her designated representative and take receipt thereof, which receipt shall be returned to the Senate and entered in the Journal. Whenever any House bill shall be approved by the Senate and enrolled by the House, the Chief Clerk of the House or one of his or her authorized agents shall, without delay, deliver the same to the Governor or his or her designated representative and take receipt thereof, which receipt shall be returned to the House and entered in the Journal. In the event the Governor, or his or her designated representative, shall refuse to accept delivery of any such bill, the Secretary of the Senate, or the Chief Clerk of the House, or their designated agents, as the case may be, shall forthwith serve the same by handing the bill to either the Governor or to any employee of the Governor's office, and shall return a certificate to the Senate or the House as the case may be, of the date and time of such delivery and of the name of the person to whom delivered and such certificate shall be entered in the Journal of the Senate or the Journal of the House, as the case may be, and shall constitute proof of delivery of said bill to the Governor in determining the period of time in which the Governor has to sign the same or return it to the Senate or the House with his veto as provided in the Constitution of the State of Arkansas.

Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments

Section ~~21~~19. The Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments shall consist of the members of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the members of the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs. No proposed constitutional amendment shall be recommended to either house of the General Assembly except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Senate members of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments and an affirmative vote of a majority of the House members of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. No resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be filed in either the House of Representatives or the Senate after the thirty-first (31st) day of

1 each regular session of the General Assembly. All resolutions proposing  
2 constitutional amendments shall be referred to the Joint Committee on  
3 Constitutional Amendments. Other resolutions proposing constitutional  
4 amendments shall not be reported to or considered by either house of the  
5 General Assembly until the original recommendations of the Joint Committee on  
6 Constitutional Amendments are disposed of by both Houses. A resolution  
7 proposing a constitutional amendment may be considered only during a regular  
8 session. The Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments shall meet on the  
9 first (1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday after the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of each regular session  
10 of the General Assembly to establish a meeting calendar and meet regularly  
11 thereafter.

#### 12 13 Joint Meetings of Senate and House Committees

14 Section ~~22~~20. The standing and select Committees of the Senate and the  
15 House of Representatives are authorized to hold joint meetings upon the call  
16 of the Chairpersons of the two committees involved or by one-half (1/2) or  
17 more of the members of both committees involved.

#### 18 19 Correction of Obvious Errors

20 Section ~~23~~21. The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the  
21 House are authorized, subject to approval by the appropriate designated  
22 committee, to correct obvious errors occurring in documents originating in  
23 the House and the Senate respectively, provided that each such correction is  
24 noted on the bill jacket and is documented by a "correction note" at the end  
25 of the official daily journal for the date on which the correction was made.

#### 26 27 Assigning Bill and Resolution Numbers

28 Section ~~24~~22. In assigning numbers to bills and resolutions introduced  
29 in the Senate and House of Representatives, Senate bills and resolutions  
30 shall be numbered commencing with the figure 1, and House bills and  
31 resolutions shall be assigned numbers commencing with the figure 1001.

#### 32 33 Pre-filing of Bills and Resolutions

34 Section ~~25~~23. (A) Beginning on November 15th of each year preceding a  
35 regular session of the General Assembly, each holdover member of the Senate  
36 who will be serving at the next following regular session of the General

1 Assembly, and each member-elect of the General Assembly, as soon as the  
 2 members-elect of the next General Assembly are certified to the Secretary of  
 3 State, shall be permitted to prefile bills and resolutions for such regular  
 4 session with the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

5 ~~(Arkansas Code § 10-2-112).~~

6 (B)(1) Beginning on the second Monday of January of each  
 7 year of a fiscal session of the General Assembly, each member of the House of  
 8 Representatives and the Senate may prefile appropriation bills and  
 9 resolutions for the fiscal session with the Chief Clerk of the House and the  
 10 Secretary of the Senate.

11 (2) A non-appropriation bill may not be pre-filed prior to a  
 12 fiscal session due to the requirements of Article 5, § 5 of the Constitution  
 13 of Arkansas.

#### 14 Interim Committee Meetings

15 Section ~~2624~~. (A) Interim committees shall not meet beginning January  
 16 1 immediately prior to a regular legislative session, without the prior  
 17 approval of:

18 ~~(A)(1)~~ The current Speaker of the House of Representatives and  
 19 the current President Pro Tempore of the Senate for joint interim committees;

20 ~~(B)(2)~~ The current Speaker of the House of Representatives for  
 21 interim committees of the House of Representatives; or

22 ~~(C)(3)~~ The current President Pro Tempore of the Senate for  
 23 interim committees of the Senate.

24 (B)(1) Interim committees, including the Legislative Council and  
 25 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and their respective subcommittees,  
 26 shall not schedule a meeting at the same time as a regularly scheduled pre-  
 27 session Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee or Joint Budget  
 28 Committee budget hearing meeting, unless the pre-session budget hearing  
 29 meeting was scheduled with less than one week's notice and prior  
 30 authorization for the conflicting interim committee meeting is granted by the  
 31 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 32 Representatives.

33 (2)(a) For purposes of this rule, "regularly scheduled pre-  
 34 session budget hearing meetings" means those pre-session budget hearings that

1 are held prior to the regular or fiscal session for the purpose of  
2 recommending agency appropriation bills for the following regular or fiscal  
3 session.

4 (b) "Regularly scheduled pre-session budget hearing  
5 meetings" does not include meetings of the subcommittees of Arkansas  
6 Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee or Joint Budget Committee.

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