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A Bill

SENATE BILL 573

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY COMMITTEES OF
9 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 CONCERNING SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY COMMITTEES
12 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-303 is amended to read as follows:

20 10-2-303. Subpoena by House of Representatives or Senate – Process –
21 Issuance and execution.

22 (a) All process issued by the House of Representatives and subpoenas
23 and other process for witnesses when attendance may be required in the House
24 of Representatives ~~or before a committee of the House~~ shall be under the hand
25 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and attested by the Chief
26 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

27 (b) All process issued by the Senate and subpoenas and other process
28 for witnesses when attendance may be required in the Senate shall be under
29 the hand of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and attested by the
30 Secretary of the Senate.

31 (c) All process issued for a joint meeting of the Senate and the House
32 of Representatives shall be under the hand of the:

33 (1) Speaker of the House of Representatives and attested by the
34 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives if the process was requested by a
35 member of the House of Representatives or the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives; or



1 (2) President Pro Tempore of the Senate and attested by the
2 Secretary of the Senate if the process was requested by:

3 (A) A member of the Senate;

4 (B) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate; or

5 (C) The party accused if the party accused is not a member
6 of the House of Representatives, a member of the Senate, the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives, or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-2-307 is amended to read as follows:
10 10-2-307. Subpoena by committee.

11 ~~(a)(1) The committee so empowered~~ A committee of either house of the
12 General Assembly or a joint committee of both houses of the General Assembly
13 may issue its a subpoena signed by its chair or acting chair for the
14 attendance of witnesses and the production of papers or records,~~and the~~
15 ~~subpoena may be served by any officer authorized to serve process in civil~~
16 ~~eases.~~

17 (2) The subpoena may be served by any officer authorized to
18 serve process in civil cases.

19 (b)(1) A subpoena issued by a committee of either house of the General
20 Assembly or a joint committee of both houses of the General Assembly shall be
21 signed by:

22 (A) The chair or acting chair of the committee, if issued
23 by a committee of either house of the General Assembly; or

24 (B) The cochairs or acting cochairs of the committee, if
25 issued by a joint committee of both houses of the General Assembly.

26 (2) Additional signatures shall not be required for the issuance
27 of a subpoena by a committee of either house of the General Assembly or a
28 joint committee of both houses of the General Assembly.