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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO AMEND THE
11 RULES REGARDING SELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR HOUSE
12 COMMITTEES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Rule 54 of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
25 Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 54.(a)(1) Selection of membership positions on House committees for
28 members-elect shall take place during the caucus of the entire House of
29 Representatives-elect on the first Friday following the November General
30 Election.

31 54.(a)(2) Each standing committee shall consist of twenty (20)
32 members. Each member of the House of Representatives shall serve on two (2)
33 standing committees, one (1) of which shall be a Class "A" standing committee
34 and one (1) of which shall be a Class "B" standing committee. A member may
35 not serve on more than one (1) committee of the same class.

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1 ~~The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select from each of the~~
2 ~~four (4) House District Caucuses five (5) members for each "A" standing~~
3 ~~committee and five (5) members for each "B" standing committee~~ Members of the
4 standing committees shall be selected as follows:

5 (A) Each Class "A" standing committee and each Class "B"
6 standing committee shall have five (5) members from each of the four (4)
7 House district caucuses.

8 (B)(i) The most senior member of the House of
9 Representatives shall select first and shall choose a position on a Class "A"
10 standing committee. The next-senior member shall then choose a position on a
11 Class "A" standing committee. The seniority rotation procedure shall
12 continue until the member with the least seniority makes his or her
13 selection.

14 (ii) After the member with the least seniority makes
15 his or her Class "A" standing committee selection, the most senior member
16 shall select his or her Class "B" standing committee. The seniority rotation
17 shall continue until the member with the least seniority selects his or her
18 Class "B" standing committee.

19 (C)(i) A member may trade a committee membership with
20 another member.

21 (ii) A trade of committee membership may only occur
22 by the close of business on the day of the committee selection process.

23 (iii) A trade of committee membership shall be in
24 writing and signed by the members who are trading their committee
25 memberships, the trading members' political caucus leaders, and the Speaker
26 of the House of Representatives.

27 (iv) Once completed, written and signed
28 documentation of the trade of committee membership shall filed in the House
29 Journal.

30 D)(i) The Speaker of the House shall have the authority to
31 make adjustments to committee membership following the committee selection
32 process only for the purpose of adjusting the majority to minority party
33 ratio on the standing committees.

34 (ii) The adjustments to committee membership made by
35 the Speaker shall not exceed placing eleven (11) members of the majority
36 party on a twenty (20) member committee.

1 (iii) Final committee memberships shall be announced
2 no later than the House Orientation held in December before a Regular
3 Session.

4 54.(a)(3) Standing committee membership shall be confirmed at the same
5 time that House members are administered the oath of office.

6 ~~54.(a)(2)(a)(4) Each standing committee shall consist of twenty (20)~~
7 ~~members. Each member of the House shall serve on two (2) standing committees,~~
8 ~~one (1) of which shall be a Class "A" committee and one (1) of which shall be~~
9 ~~a Class "B" committee. From within each standing committee there shall be~~
10 ~~created three (3) permanent subcommittees consisting of eight (8) members.~~
11 ~~Each member of the House of Representatives shall serve on two (2) permanent~~
12 ~~subcommittees, one (1) from a Class "A" standing committee and one (1) from a~~
13 ~~Class "B" standing committee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and~~
14 ~~the chairperson of each standing committee shall jointly appoint from the~~
15 ~~membership of the standing committee six (6) persons for each permanent~~
16 ~~subcommittee available, provided further the chairperson and vice chairperson~~
17 ~~of each standing committee shall be ex-officio, voting members of each~~
18 ~~permanent subcommittee created from within their standing committee. The~~
19 ~~permanent subcommittees of the standing committees may meet after having~~
20 ~~first obtained prior approval of the standing committee chairperson.~~

21 ~~54.(a)(3)(a)(5) There shall be no transfers from one standing committee~~
22 ~~to another or from one permanent subcommittee to another during the biennium~~
23 ~~following initial biennial appointment and ~~or~~ confirmation. After selection~~
24 ~~of standing committee members and permanent subcommittee members, a vacancy~~
25 ~~occurring on a standing committee or permanent subcommittee during the~~
26 ~~biennium because of the death, resignation, impeachment, etc., of a member,~~
27 ~~shall be temporarily filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~
28 ~~assigning the newly elected member, for the remainder of the biennium, to the~~
29 ~~"A" and "B" standing committees, and the permanent subcommittees previously~~
30 ~~held by their predecessor. At the end of the biennium, the temporary~~
31 ~~positions held on the Class "A" and Class "B" standing committees and the~~
32 ~~permanent subcommittees shall be declared vacant and available for selection~~
33 ~~in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives. The newly~~
34 ~~elected member does not automatically assume a chairmanship or vice-~~
35 ~~chairmanship, which vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the~~
36 ~~original appointment.~~

1 54.~~(a)~~~~(4)~~(a)(6) A non-returning member of the House of Representatives
2 who has been assigned an office or other premises shall vacate the office or
3 other premises by December 15 following the General Election in the even-
4 numbered years; and, by the same date, a returning member shall be prepared
5 to vacate his or her assigned office or premises at the direction of the
6 Speaker.

7 54.(b) SELECT COMMITTEES

8 54.(b)(1) With the exception of the House Budget Committee, The the
9 Speaker shall appoint all members and all alternates on all House select
10 committees and all Joint Select Committees. The Speaker shall appoint ex-
11 officio members in accordance with the law.

12 54.(b)(2)(A) Selection of positions on the House Budget Committee
13 shall occur following the Class "A" standing committee and Class "B" standing
14 committee selections and in conjunction with selection of members for the
15 Legislative Council and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

16 (B) The most senior member of the House of Representatives
17 shall select first and shall choose a primary or alternate position on the
18 House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint
19 Auditing Committee. The next-senior member shall then choose a primary or
20 alternate position on the House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, or
21 the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. The seniority rotation procedure
22 shall continue until the member with the least seniority makes his or her
23 selection or until all primary and alternate positions on the House Budget
24 Committee, the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint Auditing
25 Committee are filled.

26 (C)(i) The Speaker of the House shall have the authority
27 to make adjustments to committee membership following the committee selection
28 process only for the purpose of adjusting the majority to minority ratio on
29 the House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, and the Legislative
30 Joint Auditing Committee.

31 (ii) The adjustments to committee membership made by
32 the Speaker shall not exceed the minimum necessary to ensure majority party
33 membership exceeds minority party membership on the committees.

34 (iii) Final committee memberships shall be announced
35 no later than the House Orientation held in December before a Regular
36 Session.

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

14 54.~~(b)(3)~~(b)(4) No member of the House of Representatives shall serve
15 on more than one (1) select committee. The Legislative Council, the
16 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the House Budget Committee, the House
17 Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, and the House
18 Management Committee are excluded therefrom.

19 54.(c)(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a
20 chairperson and a vice chairperson of each standing committee and each select
21 committee who shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives. The Speaker, in consultation with the chairperson of each
23 standing committee, shall appoint from the membership of each permanent
24 subcommittee, a chairperson and vice chairperson,—provided however that the
25 vice chairperson of the standing committee may be the chairperson of a
26 permanent subcommittee. No member of the House of Representatives, with the
27 exception of each House standing committee vice chairperson, shall be
28 chairperson or vice chairperson of more than one (1) standing committee,
29 select committee, or permanent subcommittee.

30 54.(c)(2) The rules or proceedings of the House of Representatives
31 shall be observed in all select committees, standing committees, and
32 subcommittees of the House of Representatives so far as they may be
33 applicable.

34 54.(c)(3) The House Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled
35 Bills shall serve as the supervisory committee over the preparation of the
36 Journal and engrossing and enrolling of bills.

1 54.(c)(4) After the membership of a standing committee or a permanent
2 subcommittee is established, no member shall be removed from any standing
3 committee or any permanent subcommittee during the biennium for which he or
4 she was selected. All ~~select-committee~~ appointees selected by the Speaker of
5 the House of Representatives serve at his or her discretion.

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7 SECTION 2. Rule 80 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the
8 Ninety-Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

11 80. Legislative Council.

12 80.(a)(1) ~~The Speaker shall select from each of the four (4) House~~
13 ~~District Caucuses five (5) members to serve on the Legislative Council. The~~
14 House of Representatives shall select twenty (20) members to serve on the
15 Legislative Council, to include five (5) members from each of the four (4)
16 House district caucuses, in the manner set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these
17 rules.

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

25 80.(b) In order that there may be no House vacancies on the Legislative
26 Council at any time, at the time of selection of the House members to the
27 Legislative Council, there shall be selected from each House Caucus District
28 in the same manner as is set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules, a first
29 alternate and a second alternate for each member selected from that district.
30 In the event that any House member or House alternate of the Legislative
31 Council resigns from the Legislative Council, is disqualified from serving on
32 the Legislative Council, dies, or for any other reason there becomes a
33 permanent vacancy in a House position on the Legislative Council, the Speaker
34 of the House of Representatives shall select from the same House caucus
35 district a replacement member or alternate to serve the remainder of the
36 term. When a vacancy occurs in a House member position on the Legislative

1 Council or a House alternate position on the Legislative Council, that
2 person's alternate shall serve until ~~the Speaker selects a replacement~~ a new
3 member is chosen. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall notify
4 the Legislative Council chairperson of all changes in membership on the
5 Legislative Council.

6 80.(c) Ex-officio members shall be selected in accordance with ~~A.C.A.~~
7 Arkansas Code § 10-3-301.

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9 SECTION 3. Rule 81 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the
10 Ninety-Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 81. Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

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

27 81.(b) In order that there may be no House vacancies on the Legislative
28 Joint Auditing Committee at any time, at the time of selection of the House
29 members to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee there shall be selected,
30 from each House Caucus District in the same manner as is set forth in Rule
31 54.(b) of these rules, a first alternate and a second alternate for each
32 member selected from that House caucus district ~~District~~. In the event that
33 any House member or House alternate of the Legislative Joint Auditing
34 Committee resigns from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, is
35 disqualified from serving on the Committee, dies, or for any other reason
36 there becomes a permanent vacancy in a House position on the Legislative

1 Joint Auditing Committee, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
2 select from the same House caucus district a replacement member or alternate
3 to serve the remainder of the term. When a vacancy occurs in a House member
4 position on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee or a House alternate
5 position on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, that person's alternate
6 shall serve until ~~the Speaker selects a replacement~~ a new member is chosen.
7 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall notify the Legislative
8 Joint Auditing Committee chairperson of all changes in membership on the
9 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

10 81.(c) Ex-officio members shall be selected in accordance with ~~A.C.A.~~
11 ~~10-3-403 thru 10-3-404~~ Arkansas Code §§ 10-3-403 and 10-3-404.

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