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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 TO ADOPT THE JOINT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD
10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
20 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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22 SECTION 1. The Joint Rules of the House of Representatives and the Senate of
23 the Ninety-Third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas are adopted to
24 read as follows:

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26 **JOINT RULES**
27 **OF THE**
28 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
29 **AND THE SENATE**

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31 **Joint Session - How Convened**

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

36 **Officers of Joint Session**



1 Section 2. When the meeting is assembled, the President of the Senate
2 and Speaker of the House shall preside in conjunction, and the meeting shall
3 be governed by such standing rules as shall have been adopted for that
4 purpose by the concurrence of both houses. They shall have power to punish
5 any person, other than a member, for disorderly or contemptuous behavior in
6 their presence, by fine and imprisonment, in the same manner and to the same
7 extent as either house may do, for like conduct before it, by the
8 Constitution and laws of this state.

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

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

16 17 Manner of Presenting Bills, Etc.

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

22 23 Contents of Bills

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

31 32 Notice of Bill Rejection

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

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1 Engrossment of Bills

2 Section 6. After adoption of an amendment on the floor of the Senate,
3 regardless whether the bill or resolution originated in the House or the
4 Senate, the Senate shall engross the bill or resolution as amended. After
5 the adoption of the amendment on the floor of the House of Representatives,
6 regardless whether the bill or resolution originated in the House or the
7 Senate, the House of Representatives shall engross the bill or resolution as
8 amended.

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

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13 Enrollment of Bills

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

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

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

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28 Signing of Bills

29 Section 10. After examination and report by the committee responsible
30 for enrolling bills, each bill shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of
31 Representatives and by the President of the Senate. Each page of a bill
32 shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the right
33 margin, and shall be signed by the President of the Senate on the left margin
34 of each page. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
35 of the Senate shall manually sign each page of each bill, or may provide, at
36 their option and under their supervision, for the affixing thereto of their

1 facsimile signature.

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Conference Committee

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Suspension of Joint Rules

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Appropriation Bills

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Deadline for the Introduction of Bills

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Section 11. When either body shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, the other body shall also appoint a committee of equal number to confer, and such conference shall be held at any time and place agreed upon by the Chairpersons.

Section 12. No joint rules shall be dispensed with but by a concurrent vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each house, and if either house shall violate a joint rule, the question of order may be raised in the other house, and decided in the same manner as in case of a violation of the rules of such house.

Section 13. The general appropriation bill, and all appropriation bills recommended "do pass" by the Joint Budget Committee, shall be privileged bills advanced upon the calendar, and take precedence over all other bills at any time after the reading of the Journal. It shall be in order, by the direction of the appropriate committee, to move that the House or Senate (as the case may be) resolve itself into the committee of the whole house for the purpose of considering the general appropriation bill, and no dilatory motion shall be entertained by the presiding officer.

Section 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. 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

1 a regular session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during the
2 first fifteen (15) calendar days of a regular session.

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

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

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

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

19 (4) A non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction
20 in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifteenth
21 (15th) day of a fiscal session.

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

25 (E) A bill affecting any publicly supported retirement system or
26 systems shall not be introduced or considered at any special session of the
27 General Assembly unless the introduction and consideration of the bill is
28 first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each
29 house of the General Assembly.

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

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35 Introduction of Health Care Legislation

36 Section 15. (A) Any proposed legislation affecting the licensure of

1 any profession, occupation, or class of health care providers not currently
2 licensed, or expanding the scope of practice of any profession, occupation,
3 or class of health care providers to be considered by the General Assembly at
4 a regular biennial session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during
5 the first fifteen (15) calendar days of a regular biennial session.

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

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

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16 Method of Preparing Bills and Resolutions - Automated Bill Preparation System

17 Section 16. (A) No bill or resolution, as defined herein, shall be
18 accepted for introduction by clerks of the Senate or of the House of
19 Representatives unless such bill or resolution has been prepared for
20 introduction by an automated bill preparation system developed by the Bureau
21 of Legislative Research.

22 (1) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall establish and
23 operate, in cooperation with the appropriate officials of the House of
24 Representatives and the Senate, an automated bill preparation system in which
25 all bills and resolutions, as defined herein, shall be prepared for
26 introduction. Such system shall be designed in a manner which will permit
27 either or both houses of the General Assembly to install compatible and
28 interconnecting electronic equipment for the preparation of bills and
29 resolutions in the same format as prepared by the Bureau of Legislative
30 Research for introduction in either house of the General Assembly.

31 (2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide the
32 Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
33 access by electronic medium to the central bill files in which bills and
34 resolutions recorded in the automated bill preparation system are stored, to
35 enable the engrossing rooms of the respective houses to have ready access
36 thereto for enrollment of engrossed amendments adopted to such bills and

1 resolutions.

2 (3) As used herein:

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

7 (b) "automated bill preparation system" shall mean an
8 automated system using word processors, computers, or other electronic
9 devices for the typing and preparation of bills and resolutions (as defined
10 herein) for introduction by members of the General Assembly in either the
11 Senate or the House of Representatives, and shall include the following
12 features:

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

16 (ii) a method of electronically recording the
17 contents of each bill and resolution for ready access for retrieval and
18 engrossment purposes;

19 (iii) security features to protect the automated
20 bill preparation files from access by unauthorized persons, and to maintain
21 the integrity and confidentiality of drafts of bills and resolutions prepared
22 by the Bureau of Legislative Research for members of the General Assembly
23 which have not been filed for introduction; and

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

27 (B) All bills and resolutions introduced in the House and Senate shall
28 be prepared on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. The number of copies of bills and
29 resolutions to be prepared for introduction shall be specified by the
30 Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
31 One (1) copy shall be placed in the manuscript cover provided for the
32 official copy of bills or resolutions and one (1) copy shall be placed in the
33 manuscript cover provided for the duplicate copy, with any additional copies
34 attached thereto in the manner prescribed by the respective houses. In
35 addition, copies of the caption on each bill or resolution shall be prepared
36 and attached thereto at the time of introduction.

1 (C) Upon the introduction of each bill and resolution, the appropriate
2 clerks of the respective houses shall cause the original signed copy thereof
3 (which is contained in the official bill or resolution manuscript cover) to
4 be identified as the official copy by perforation or stamping on the left
5 margin of each page thereof the words "HOUSE ORIGINAL" to be placed on each
6 official original copy of House bills and resolutions, and the words "SENATE
7 ORIGINAL" to be placed on the left margin of each official original copy of
8 Senate bills and resolutions. Whenever any bill or resolution is amended,
9 the engrossed page or pages thereof shall be perforated in the same manner as
10 the original introduced copy. Only the original signed copy of a bill or
11 resolution and engrossed pages thereof shall be perforated or stamped as
12 provided herein.

13 (D) If any person shall unlawfully perforate any fraudulent or
14 counterfeit copy of any bill or resolution for the purpose of intentionally
15 inserting in any bill or resolution any page or provision thereof for the
16 purpose of altering the bill or resolution as introduced, such person shall
17 be in contempt of the House or Senate, or both House and Senate, and shall be
18 punished accordingly. If any person shall make any alteration, change or
19 erasure in any original copy of a bill or resolution as originally
20 introduced, except upon direction of the House or Senate, or both House and
21 Senate, or upon direction of the appropriate committees on engrossed or
22 enrolled bills, such person shall be in contempt of the House or Senate, or
23 both of them and shall be punished accordingly. In addition, such person
24 shall be subject to such fine and imprisonment as may be imposed by the laws
25 of this State for fraud.

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

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

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

34 (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to
35 the existing law. At the top of the first page of the bill shall appear
36 language substantially similar to the following: "Stricken language would be

1 deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present
2 law.”

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

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

9 (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to
10 the existing Constitution. At the top of the first page of the bill shall
11 appear language substantially similar to the following: “Stricken language
12 would be deleted from the present Constitution. Underlined language would be
13 added to present Constitution.”

14 (4) Except as provided in subsections (E)(5), (6) and (8), all
15 resolutions proposing changes in the rules of the Senate or House or the
16 joint rules of the Senate and House shall reflect the changes proposed in the
17 existing rule by:

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

20 (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to
21 the existing rule. At the top of the first page of the resolution shall
22 appear language substantially similar to the following: “Stricken language
23 would be deleted from present rule. Underlined language would be added to
24 present rule.”

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

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

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

32 (b) sections which allocate funds within the Revenue
33 Stabilization Law or within the General Improvement Fund Distribution Law;
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35 (c) sections which amend Arkansas Code §§ 21-5-208(b) and
36 21-5-209(e).

1 (7) It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Joint Budget
2 Committee to have a schedule prepared which reflects the amounts approved by
3 the Joint Budget Committee for each category for each fund within the Revenue
4 Stabilization Law to provide funding for the budget enacted by the General
5 Assembly and a schedule reflecting the proposed distribution of General
6 Improvement funds. The schedule reflecting the allocation of funds in the
7 Revenue Stabilization Law for the next fiscal year shall be submitted during
8 a regular session or fiscal session to each body of the Arkansas General
9 Assembly at least three (3) calendar days prior to the day at which the same
10 is to be considered for final passage. The schedule reflecting the
11 allocation of funds in the General Improvement Fund Distribution Law for the
12 next biennium shall be submitted during a regular session to each body of the
13 Arkansas General Assembly at least three (3) calendar days prior to the day
14 at which the same is to be considered for final passage.

15 (8) Markups are not required on sections that are substantially
16 the same as the following boiler-plate sections:

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18 “SECTION. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
19 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
21 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure
24 Restrictions Act, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
25 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

27 SECTION. EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in
28 this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment
29 for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in
30 writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the
31 required legal services. The Attorney General’s Office shall provide the
32 required legal services, or, if the Attorney General’s Office shall determine
33 that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal
34 services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the agency and may
35 authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies
36 appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations thereof, if:

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

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

5 Such certification shall be required with respect to each
6 instance of the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required
7 annually with respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy
8 of such certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency,
9 and shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.

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11 SECTION. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
12 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
13 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
14 therefore as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
15 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
16 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
17 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
18 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
19 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
20 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
21 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
22 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this Act.

23 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
24 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
25 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
26 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
27 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
28 disbursement of any funds provided by this Act unless specifically provided
29 otherwise by law.

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31 SECTION. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
32 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
33 in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act
34 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
35 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
36 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral

1 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
2 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 Section 17. (A) Once a Senate bill has passed the House of
5 Representatives and returned to the Senate, it may not be subsequently
6 amended in the Senate unless the House expunges the vote by which it passed
7 the bill and any amendments to the bill and the Senate expunges the vote by
8 which the bill was passed and places the bill on second reading.

9 (B) Once a House bill has passed the Senate and has been returned to
10 the House, it may not be subsequently amended in the House unless the Senate
11 expunges the vote by which it passed the bill and any amendments to the bill
12 and the House expunges the vote by which the bill was passed and places the
13 bill on second reading.

14 15 Submission of Bills to Governor

16 Section 18. Whenever any Senate bill shall be approved by the House of
17 Representatives and enrolled by the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate or
18 one of his or her authorized agents shall without delay, deliver the same to
19 the Governor or his or her designated representative and take receipt
20 thereof, which receipt shall be returned to the Senate and entered in the
21 Journal. Whenever any House bill shall be approved by the Senate and
22 enrolled by the House, the Chief Clerk of the House or one of his or her
23 authorized agents shall, without delay, deliver the same to the Governor or
24 his or her designated representative and take receipt thereof, which receipt
25 shall be returned to the House and entered in the Journal. In the event the
26 Governor, or his or her designated representative, shall refuse to accept
27 delivery of any such bill, the Secretary of the Senate, or the Chief Clerk of
28 the House, or their designated agents, as the case may be, shall forthwith
29 serve the same by handing the bill to either the Governor or to any employee
30 of the Governor's office, and shall return a certificate to the Senate or the
31 House as the case may be, of the date and time of such delivery and of the
32 name of the person to whom delivered and such certificate shall be entered in
33 the Journal of the Senate or the Journal of the House, as the case may be,
34 and shall constitute proof of delivery of said bill to the Governor in
35 determining the period of time in which the Governor has to sign the same or
36 return it to the Senate or the House with his veto as provided in the

1 Constitution of the State of Arkansas.

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Constitutional Amendments

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Section 19. (A)(1) The Senate may, according to its rules, recommend
5 one (1) proposed constitutional amendment for consideration and vote by the
6 House of Representatives and the Senate.

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(2) If the Senate-proposed constitutional amendment does not
8 receive an affirmative vote of the majority of House of Representatives, the
9 Senate may, according to its rules, recommend additional proposed
10 constitutional amendments to the House of Representatives one (1) at a time
11 until the House of Representatives affirms by a majority vote the Senate-
12 proposed constitutional amendment.

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(B)(1) The House of Representatives may, according to its rules,
14 recommend one (1) proposed constitutional amendment for consideration and
15 vote by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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(2) If the House of Representatives-proposed constitutional
17 amendment does not receive an affirmative vote of the majority of Senate, the
18 House of Representatives may, according to its rules, recommend additional
19 proposed constitutional amendments to the Senate one (1) at a time until the
20 Senate affirms by a majority vote the House of Representatives-proposed
21 constitutional amendment.

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(C) A third (3rd) proposed constitutional amendment shall not be
23 considered or voted upon by the General Assembly until identical resolutions
24 authorizing the consideration of the proposed constitutional amendment have
25 been approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members
26 elected to each house.

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(D) A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall not be
28 filed in either the House of Representatives or the Senate after the thirty-
29 first (31st) day of each regular session of the General Assembly.

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(E) A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be
31 considered only during a regular session.

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Joint Meetings of Senate and House Committees

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Section 20. The standing and select Committees of the Senate and the
35 House of Representatives are authorized to hold joint meetings upon the call
36 of the Chairpersons of the two committees involved or by one-half (1/2) or

1 more of the members of both committees involved.

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3 Correction of Obvious Errors

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

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11 Assigning Bill and Resolution Numbers

12 Section 22. In assigning numbers to bills and resolutions introduced
13 in the Senate and House of Representatives, Senate bills and resolutions
14 shall be numbered commencing with the figure 1, and House bills and
15 resolutions shall be assigned numbers commencing with the figure 1001.

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17 Pre-filing of Bills and Resolutions

18 Section 23. (A) Beginning on November 15th of each year preceding a
19 regular session of the General Assembly, each holdover member of the Senate
20 who will be serving at the next following regular session of the General
21 Assembly, and each member-elect of the General Assembly, as soon as the
22 members-elect of the next General Assembly are certified to the Secretary of
23 State, shall be permitted to prefile bills and resolutions for such regular
24 session with the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

25 (B)(1) Beginning on the second Monday of January of each year of a
26 fiscal session of the General Assembly, each member of the House of
27 Representatives and the Senate may prefile appropriation bills and
28 resolutions for the fiscal session with the Chief Clerk of the House and the
29 Secretary of the Senate.

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

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34 Interim Committee Meetings

35 Section 24. (A) Interim committees shall not meet beginning January 1
36 immediately prior to a regular legislative session, without the prior

1 approval of:

2 (1) The current Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
3 current President Pro Tempore of the Senate for joint interim committees;

4 (2) The current Speaker of the House of Representatives for
5 interim committees of the House of Representatives; or

6 (3) The current President Pro Tempore of the Senate for interim
7 committees of the Senate.

8 (B)(1) Interim committees, including the Legislative Council and
9 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and their respective subcommittees,
10 shall not schedule a meeting at the same time as a regularly scheduled pre-
11 session Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee or Joint Budget
12 Committee budget hearing meeting, unless the pre-session budget hearing
13 meeting was scheduled with less than one week's notice and prior
14 authorization for the conflicting interim committee meeting is granted by the
15 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 (2)(a) For purposes of this rule, "regularly scheduled pre-
18 session budget hearing meetings" means those pre-session budget hearings that
19 are held prior to the regular or fiscal session for the purpose of
20 recommending agency appropriation bills for the following regular or fiscal
21 session.

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