

**SUMMARY OF
GENERAL & FISCAL LEGISLATION**

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**86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

**FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
2008**

March 31, 2008 - April 2, 2008

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Fiscal Summary

Act 1 of the First Extraordinary Session, 2008 (HB 1001) - This act provides supplemental appropriation for expenses payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund for the House of Representatives.

General Summaries

Act 2 of the First Extraordinary Session, 2008 (HB1003) - This act extends to December 31, 2008, the deadline by which a Pulaski County school district involved in the desegregation litigation case styled *Little Rock School District v. Pulaski County Special School District No. 1, No. LR-4:82CV00866-WRW-JTR, In the United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas, Western Division*, must obtain unitary status or partial unitary status in order to request a reimbursement from the state for legal fees under A.C.A. § 6-20-416(c). The act also provides that the total financial obligation of the state in any one (1) year under a post-unitary agreement authorized by A.C.A. § 6-20-416(b) shall not exceed the state's desegregation obligation for the 2008-2009 school year, a year later than the date originally set in Act 395 of 2007.

Act 3 of the First Extraordinary Session, 2008 (HB1005) - This act repeals the changes in the marriage laws made by Act 441 of 2007 and re-establishes the minimum age for marriage at seventeen(17) years for males and sixteen (16) years for females with parental consent. It also provides that a circuit court judge may direct the issuance of a marriage license if the parties are under the minimum age and the female is pregnant.

Act 4 and Act 5 of the First Extraordinary Session, 2008 (HB1004) and (SB1) respectively - These identical acts increase the severance tax on natural gas. Beginning January 1, 2009, the tax shall be 1.5% on new discovery gas for the first 24 months; 1.5% on high-cost gas for the first 36 months with a possible extension of 12 additional months; 1.25% on marginal gas; and 5% on all other natural gas. These new tax rates will be based on market value. Five percent of the tax, interest, and penalties collected will be deposited in general revenues and 95% of the funds will be classified as special revenues and distributed pursuant to the Arkansas Highway Revenue Distribution Law.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION DATES

General Assembly	Year	Dates in Session	Total Days
59 th	1953	January 12 – March 12	60
60 th	1955	January 10 – March 10	60
61 st	1957	January 14 – March 1	60
61 st – FES	1957	March 25 – March 27	3
61 st – SES	1958	August 26 – September 12	18
62 nd	1959	January 12 – March 12	60
62 nd – FES	1960	January 19 – January 21	3
63 rd	1961	January 9 – March 9	60
63 rd – FES	1961	August 24 – September 1	9
63 rd – SES	1961	September 18 – September 21	4
64 th	1963	January 14 – March 14	
64 th – FES	1964	March 24 – March 27	4
65 th	1965	January 11 – March 11	60
65 th – FES	1965	May 24 – June 8	16
65 th – SES	1965	November 2 – November 4	2½
65 th – TES	1965	November 4 – November 6	2½
66 th	1967	January 9 – Recessed March 9 Reconv. March 27 – Adjourned March 31	65
66 th – FES	1968	February 5 – February 21	17
66 th – SES	1968	May 20 – May 30	11
67 th	1969	January 13 – Recessed April 11 Reconv. May 5 – Adjourned May 8	93
67 th – FES	1970	March 2 – March 7	6
68 th	1971	January 11 – Recessed April 2 Reconv. April 19 – Adjourned April 19	82
68 th – FES	1972	February 7 – February 16	10
69 th	1973	January 8 – Recessed on April 5 Reconv. April 24 – Recessed until Jan. 14, 1974 – Adjourned Jan. 14, 1974	88
69 th – FES	1974	June 24 – Recessed July 12 Reconv. August 1 – Adjourned August 1	19
70 th	1975	January 13 – Recessed March 27 until April 9 – Adjourned April 9	74
70 th – EXT.	1976	January 12 – January 28	17
70 th – FES	1976	September 8 – September 10	3

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71 st	1977	January 10 – Recessed March 18 until April 6 – Recessed April 6 until August 14 – Adjourned August 14	68
71 st – FES	1977	August 2 – August 5	4
72 nd	1979	January 8 – Recessed April 4 Reconv. April 20 – Adjourned April 20	87
72 nd – EXT.	1980	January 7 – January 17	10½
72 nd – FES	1980	January 17 – January 24	7½
72 nd – SES	1980	April 15 – April 18	4
73 rd	1981	January 12 – March 18	66
73 rd – FES	1981	November 16 – November 25	10
74 th	1983	January 10 – Recessed March 18 Reconv. April 4 – Adjourned April 4	68
74 th – FES	1983	October 4 – November 10	37
75 th	1985	January 14 – Recessed March 22 Reconv. March 29 – Adjourned March 29	68
75 th – FES	1985	June 17 – June 21	5
75 th – SES	1986	April 28 – May 1	4
76 th	1987	January 12 – Recessed April 3 Reconv. April 20 – Adjourned April 20	82
76 th – FES	1987	June 2 – June 5	4
76 th – SES	1987	October 6 – October 9	4
76 th – TES	1988	January 26 – February 5	11
76 th – 4 th ES	1988	July 11 – July 14, 1988	4
77 th	1989	January 9 – Recessed March 17 until April 3 – Adjourned April 3	68
77 th – FES	1989	June 20 – June 23	4
77 th – SES	1989	July 25 – July 27	3
77 th – TES	1989	October 23 – November 3	12
78 th	1991	January 14 – March 27 – Recess until April 15 – Adjourned April 15	73
78 th – FES	1992	February 24 – Recessed February 27 until March 4 – Adjourned March 4	4
78 th – SES	1992	December 14 – December 18	5
79 th	1993	January 11 – Recessed April 8 until May 14 – Adjourned May 14	88
79 th – FES	1994	February 28 – March 2	3
79 th – SES	1994	August 15 – August 24	10

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80 th	1995	January 9 – Recessed April 7 until April 28 – Adjourned April 28	89
80 th – FES	1995	October 17 – October 20	4
81 st	1997	January 13 – Recessed April 17 until May 2 – Adjourned May 2	96
82 nd	1999	January 11 – Recessed April 9 until April 30 – Adjourned April 30	89
82 nd – FES	2000	April 3 – April 7	5
SES	2000	December 13 – 15	3
83 rd	2001	January 8 – Recessed April 13 until May 14 – Adjourned May 14	97
83 rd – FES	2002	June 10 – June 12, 2002	3
84 th	2003	January 13 – April 16, 2003	94
84 th – FES	2003	May 5, 2003 – May 9, 2003	5
84 th – SES	2003	December 8, 2003 – March 4, 2004 Recess until June 9 – Adjourned June 9	89
85 th	2005	January 10 – Recessed April 15 until May 13 – Adjourned May 13	97
85 th – FES	2006	April 3 – April 7, 2006 Adjourned April 21.	5
86 th	2007	January 8 – Recessed April 3 Reconv. April 30 – May 1 Adjourned May 1.	88
86 th – FES	2008	March 31 – Recessed April 2, 2008	3