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CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Intoxication - Strict Liability Offenses

ACT 6 (SB 4) provides that the offenses of driving while intoxicated, underage driving under the influence, driving or boating while intoxicated, and driving or boating under the influence are strict-liability offenses when the offenses are alcohol related. The act declares an emergency, with sections 2, 3, and 5 of the act becoming effective on and after May 29, 2015, and sections 4 and 6 of the act becoming effective on and after July 22, 2015.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BONDS AND FINANCING

Amendment 82 Project

ACT 9 (SB6) declares a project involving the construction, renovation, equipping, and operation of new and existing facilities for manufacturing certain vehicles and products to be a qualified Amendment 82 project under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82, and it authorizes the execution of a proposed Amendment 82 agreement relating to the project. The act also authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in support of the project and provides that the act and the provisions of the Amendment 82 agreement control if there is a conflict with the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act. The act is identical to Act 10 of 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after May 29, 2015.

ACT 10 (HB1003) declares a project involving the construction, renovation, equipping, and operation of new and existing facilities for manufacturing certain vehicles and products to be a qualified Amendment 82 project under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 82, and it authorizes the execution of a proposed Amendment 82 agreement relating to the project. The act also authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in support of the project and provides that the act and the provisions of the Amendment 82 agreement control if there is a conflict with the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act. The act is identical to Act 9 of 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after May 29, 2015.

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Reports

ACT 1 (HB1007) requires campaign contribution and expenditure reports that are filed by candidates for office concerning the quarter during which the candidate filed for candidacy to be filed for each month in that quarter.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Dates

ACT 4 (SB8) moves the general primary election to the fourth Tuesday in March, the preferential primary to three (3) weeks before the general primary election, and the party filing period to the week beginning on the first Monday in November before the general primary election. The act requires an additional statement of financial interest to be filed for the year in which the candidate files for office. The act includes a sunset clause and is effective until December 31, 2016. This act declares an emergency and is effective on and after May 29, 2015.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Engrossment Errors

ACT 2 (HB1004) corrects an engrossment error made in Act 1036 of 2015, which deleted a portion of the ballot form for ordinance ballot questions, by amending the law to insert the portion of the ballot form that was deleted during the engrossment process. The act also corrects an engrossment error made in Act 1205 of 2015, which inadvertently deleted a portion of the definitions within the bill, by amending the law to include the definitions that were deleted during the engrossment process. The act is identical to Act 3 of 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after July 22, 2015.

ACT 3 (SB2) corrects an engrossment error made in Act 1036 of 2015, which deleted a portion of the ballot form for ordinance ballot questions, by amending the law to insert the portion of the ballot form that was deleted during the engrossment process. The act also corrects an engrossment error made in Act 1205 of 2015, which inadvertently deleted a portion of the definitions within the bill, by amending the law to include the definitions that were deleted during the engrossment process. The act is identical to Act 2 of 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after July 22, 2015.

FISCAL SESSIONS

Date of Fiscal Session

ACT 5 (SB 5) provides that the fiscal session of the General Assembly shall begin at noon on the second Wednesday in April of each even-numbered year, with the prefilings of bills and resolutions beginning on the second Monday in March. The act amends other reporting dates in light of the change to the time of the fiscal session. The act includes a sunset clause and is effective until December 31, 2016.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL HIGHWAYS

Agricultural Vehicles

ACT 11 (HB 1005) provides that motor vehicles used for farm or agriculture purposes may operate on certain sections of U.S. Highway 63 under certain circumstances. The act is identical to Act 12 of 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after June 1, 2015.

ACT 12 (SB 3) provides that motor vehicles used for farm or agriculture purposes may operate on certain sections of U.S. Highway 63 under certain circumstances. The act is identical to Act 11 of 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after June 1, 2015.

STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

TRANSFERS

Building Authority, Science and Technology Authority, Rural Services, and Land Surveys

ACT 7 (HB1001) transfers by type 2 transfer the Arkansas Building Authority to the Department of Finance and Administration; the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority and the Department of Rural Services to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission; and the Division of Land Surveys of the Arkansas Agricultural Department to the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office. The act is identical to Act 8 of 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after July 1, 2015.

ACT 8 (SB1) transfers by type 2 transfer the Arkansas Building Authority to the Department of Finance and Administration; the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority and the Department of Rural Services to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission; and the Division of Land Surveys of the Arkansas Agricultural Department to the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office. The act is identical to Act 7 of 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after July 1, 2015.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES
AND EFFECTIVE DATES SINCE 1969

| <u>General Assembly</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Dates in Session</u> | <u>Effective date without emergency clause/AG Opin. No.</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 67 th | 1969 | January 13 – May 8 | 8/7/69 * |
| 67 th – FES | 1970 | March 2 – March 7 | 6/6/70 * |
| 68 th | 1971 | January 11 – April 19 | 7/19/71 * |
| 68 th – FES | 1972 | February 7 – February 16 | 5/17/72 * |
| 69 th | 1973 | January 8 – January 14, 1974 | 7/24/73: #73-120 |
| 69 th – FES | 1974 | June 24 – August 1 | 10/31/74 * |
| 70 th | 1975 | January 13 – April 9 | 7/9/75 ** |
| 70 th – Exten | 1976 | January 12 – January 28 | 4/28/76: #76-50 |
| 70 th – FES | 1976 | September 8 – September 10 | NA |
| 71 st | 1977 | January 10 – August 14 | 7/6/77: #77-57 |
| 71 st – FES | 1977 | August 2 – August 5 | 11/4/77 ** |
| 72 nd | 1979 | January 8 – April 20 | 7/20/79: #79-88 |
| 72 nd – EXT. | 1980 | January 7 – January 17 | (No legislation passed) |
| 72 nd – FES | 1980 | January 17 – January 24 | 4/24/80: #80-42 |
| 72 nd – SES | 1980 | April 15 – April 18 | NA |
| 73 rd | 1981 | January 12 – March 18 | 6/17/81: #81-76 |
| 73 rd – FES | 1981 | November 16 – November 25 | 2/24/82 ** |
| 74 th | 1983 | January 10 – April 4 | 7/4/83: #83-74 |
| 74 th – FES | 1983 | October 4 – November 10 | 2/9/84: #83-228 |
| 75 th | 1985 | January 14 – March 29 | 6/28/85: #85-108 |
| 75 th – FES | 1985 | June 17 – June 21 | 9/20/85 ** |
| 75 th – SES | 1986 | April 28 – May 1 | 7/31/86: #86-337 |
| 76 th | 1987 | January 12 – April 20 | 7/20/87: #87-156 |
| 76 th – FES | 1987 | June 2 – June 5 | 9/4/87 ** |
| 76 th – SES | 1987 | October 6 – October 9 | 1/8/88 ** |
| 76 th – TES | 1988 | January 26 – February 5 | 5/6/88 ** |
| 76 th – 4 th ES | 1988 | July 11 – July 14 | 10/13/88 ** |
| 77 th | 1989 | January 9 – April 3 | 7/3/89: #89-078 |
| 77 th – FES | 1989 | June 20 – June 23 | 9/22/89 ** |
| 77 th – SES | 1989 | July 25 – July 27 | 10/26/89 ** |
| 77 th – TES | 1989 | October 23 – November 3 | 2/2/90 ** |

| General Assembly | Year | Dates in Session | Effective date without emergency clause/AG Opin. No. |
|---------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 78 th | 1991 | January 14 – April 15 | 7/15/91: #91-119 |
| 78 th – FES | 1992 | February 24 – March 4 | 6/3/92: #92-114A & #93-025A |
| 78 th – SES | 1992 | December 14 – December 18 | 3/19/93: #93-025A |
| 79 th | 1993 | January 11 – May 14 | 8/13/93: #93-149A |
| 79 th – FES | 1994 | February 28 – March 2 | 6/1/94: #94-076 |
| 79 th – SES | 1994 | August 15 – August 24 | 11/23/94: #94-273 |
| 80 th | 1995 | January 9 – April 28 | 7/28/95: #95-119 |
| 80 th – FES | 1995 | October 17 – October 20 | 1/19/96 * |
| 81 st | 1997 | January 13 – May 2 | 8/1/97: #97-144 |
| 82 nd | 1999 | January 11 – April 30 | 7/30/99: #99-120 |
| 82 nd – FES | 2000 | April 3 – April 7 | NA |
| 82 nd – SES | 2000 | December 13 – 15 | NA |
| 83 rd | 2001 | January 8 – May 14 | 8/13/01: #2001-138 |
| 83 rd – FES | 2002 | June 10 – June 12 | NA |
| 84 th | 2003 | January 13 – April 16 | 7/16/03: #2003-119 |
| 84 th – FES | 2003 | May 5 – May 9 | NA |
| 84 th – SES | 2003 | Dec. 8, 2003 – June 9, 2004 | 6/3/04: #2004-186 |
| 85 th | 2005 | January 10 – May 13 | 8/12/05: #2005-110 |
| 85 th – FES | 2006 | April 3 – April 21 | 7/21/06: #2006-080 |
| 86 th | 2007 | January 8 – May 1 | 7/31/07: #2007-164 |
| 86 th – FES | 2008 | March 31 – April 2 | NA |
| 87 th | 2009 | January 12 – May 1 | 7/31/09: #2009-090 |
| 87 th – Fiscal | 2010 | February 8 – March 4 | 6/3/10: #2010-031 |
| 88 th | 2011 | January 10 – April 27 | 7/27/11: #2011-056 |
| 88 th – Fiscal | 2012 | February 13 – March 9 | 6/8/12 * |
| 89 th | 2013 | January 14 – May 17 | 8/16/13: #2013-049 |
| 89 th – FES | 2013 | October 17 – October 19 | 1/18/14* |
| 89 th – Fiscal | 2014 | February 10 – March 19 | 6/18/14* |
| 89 th – SES | 2014 | June 30 – July 2 | 10/1/14: #2014-078 |
| 90 th | 2015 | January 12 – April 22 | 7/22/15: #2015-044 |
| 90 th – FES | 2015 | May 26 – May 28 | 8/27/15* |

* Bureau Calculation

** Bureau Calculation, confirmed by Secretary of State