

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: An extraordinary occasion has arisen making it necessary to convene the 90th General Assembly into extraordinary session; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to increase funding for the repair, proper maintenance and development of Arkansas bridges and roads as effective transportation systems are essential to economic development; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to promote efficiencies and effectiveness in the operations of state government; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to improve the process for identifying and filling vacancies in levee district boards across the state because the efficient functioning of levee district boards is critical to the state; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to address the qualifications of professionals under the Private Security Agency, Private Investigator, and School Security Licensing and Credentialing Act to prevent unnecessary loss of licensure and to remove unintended obstacles to gainful employment; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to end the Death and Permanent Total Disability Trust Fund to avoid unfunded future liabilities and an increase in premium tax; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to reenact the original date of the sunset of the Arkansas Works Program established by identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2 in order to further affirm legislative intent and action; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to make corrections to the law concerning the annual school elections to avoid unnecessary election costs associated with school districts that have chosen to hold their annual school election in November; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to amend the criminal offense of sexual indecency with a child after the Arkansas Supreme Court's recent decision in *State v. Coble*, 2016 Ark. 114; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to pause current state identifications and classifications to facilitate the transition to a new accountability system for schools and school districts within Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to amend the law concerning earthquake resistant design requirements found in the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code as the requirements are overly restrictive and unnecessarily burden businesses considering construction in Arkansas.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article 6, Section 19 of the Arkansas Constitution, do hereby call an Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly to convene in Little Rock on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., and I do hereby specify that the General Assembly is convened in such Session to consider, and, if so advised,

enact laws for the following purposes:

1. To provide for the payment of expenses and per diem of the House of Representatives and the Senate for this Extraordinary Session.
2. To increase funding for repair, construction and proper maintenance of Arkansas bridges and roads and to address legislative review of proposed rules of the State Highway Commission.
3. To promote efficiency and effectiveness in the operations of state government by transferring the Arkansas History Commission to the Department of Arkansas Heritage and amending the membership, tenure, and duties of certain agencies, task forces, committees, and commissions.
4. To merge Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute into East Arkansas Community College.
5. To enhance and streamline the process of identifying and filling board vacancies for certain improvement districts, including levee, drainage, irrigation, watershed and river improvement districts.
6. To protect the property rights of an individual in the use of the individual's name, voice, signature and likeness.
7. To address the qualifications of professionals under the Private Security Agency, Private Investigator and School Security Licensing and Credentialing Act.
8. To clarify the law regarding workers' compensation payments under the workers' compensation law that resulted from initiated measure 1948, No. 4 and to end payments to the Death and Permanent Total Disability Trust Fund.
9. To reenact the original date of the sunset of the Arkansas Works Program established by identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2.
10. To amend the law to enable annual school elections to be held in November, to make technical corrections to the law concerning the annual school elections and to amend the funding structure and other essential administrative provisions concerning certain school elections.
11. To amend Ark. Code Ann. § 9-28-217 to permit release of juvenile records to a person, agency or organization engaged in bona fide research or evaluation project determined by the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services to have value for the evaluation or development of policies to advance juvenile justice.
12. To amend the criminal offense of sexual indecency with a child.
13. To prohibit identification of schools or districts as being in

academic distress pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-428 for the 2016-2017 school year and to prohibit assignment of school ratings pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2105 for the 2016-2017 school year.

14. To amend Ark. Code Ann. § 12-80-104 concerning earthquake resistant design requirements for buildings and other structures.

15. To confirm gubernatorial appointees.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 16th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State