

Proposed amendment to ALC Rule 5.(c):

(c) Other Subcommittees.

(1) In addition to the standing and select subcommittees, other subcommittees may be created by the Legislative Council from time to time. Special subcommittees of the Legislative Council may be established only upon suspension of the Rules.

(2) Race Relations Subcommittee.

(A) Membership.

(i) This subcommittee shall consist of eight (8) members, four (4) Senate members and four (4) House of Representatives members. There will be no ex officio members of the subcommittee.

(ii) The House Majority leader and the House Minority leader shall each appoint two (2) House members to serve on the subcommittee.

(iii) The Senate Majority leader and the Senate Minority leader shall each appoint two (2) Senate members to serve on the subcommittee.

(B) Duties.

(i) The subcommittee shall conduct a study of race relations within the State of Arkansas, with the goal of providing recommendations on ways to address historic and current divisions within the State, including proposals for legislative and nonlegislative changes that:

(a) Encourage, promote, and achieve reciprocal understanding and acceptance among all racial and ethnic groups;

(b) Explore the use of statutory powers to ensure all people have access to equal opportunity free of harassment;

(c) Promote racial equality in all public services;

(d) Support local, regional, and state organizations, and employers in all sectors, in their efforts to ensure equality of opportunity and good race relations; and

(e) Raise public awareness of benefits that come to our state when we ensure fair treatment and equal opportunity to people of all races.

(ii) The subcommittee shall submit a final report on its activities, findings, and recommendations to the Legislative Council by December 1, 2018.

(C) This subcommittee shall expire December 18, 2018.