

**REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

September 28, 2012

Senator Mary Anne Salmon, Co-Chair
Senator Robert Thompson
Senator Jim Luker
Senator Paul Bookout

Representative Tommy Lee Baker, Co-Chair
Representative Terry Rice
Representative Robert S. Moore, Jr.
Representative Kathy Webb

Legislative Council Members:

We, your Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012 in Room 205 of the State Capitol. The members present are reflected on the sign in sheet.

Jill Thayer, Legal Counsel to the Director, Bureau of Legislative Research presented the proposed revisions to the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council for the subcommittee's consideration.

Senator Luker made a motion to adopt the proposed revisions to the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council. The motion was seconded. Representative Rice made a substitute motion to Senator Luker's motion to revise Rule 8(b), concerning the requirements for quorum and action in a Legislative Council Subcommittee, to have an effective date of January 1, 2013. There was discussion of the substitute motion, and upon a vote, the substitute motion failed. The original motion by Senator Luker was then voted on and carried.

There was general discussion from the subcommittee regarding the Governor's Request for Hold of Carryover Funds in the Bureau of Legislative Research's budget. It was decided by the subcommittee to continue to table its discussion of this request.

Marty Garrity, Director, Bureau of Legislative Research, gave an update on Wi-Fi availability in the committee rooms and public spaces of the Fifth Floor of One Capitol Mall (MAC Building). Ms. Garrity reported that Wi-Fi is now available for use by the members of the General Assembly, and Mr. Jim Schratz, Chief Information Officer for the Bureau, provided the subcommittee with information as to how they can access the Bureau's network. Mr. Schratz stated that for security purposes, beginning October 1, 2012, members wishing to access the Wi-Fi would need to submit the device's MAC address to the IT staff for authentication purposes. Wi-Fi is scheduled to be available to the public beginning in October. Ms. Garrity also announced the promotion of Jessica Sutton as the new Administrator for the Administrative Rules Review Section.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Mary Anne Salmon, Senate Co-Chair

Representative Tommy Lee Baker, House Co-Chair

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