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Legislative Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee
on Local 911 Systems

Committee Rules

PURPOSE: The purpose of these rules is to establish rules and procedures for conducting the business of the **Legislative Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Local 911 System** and to inform the members of the General Assembly and the public of the procedures and rules of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

DUTIES: The Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee is required by Act 1171 of 2013 to:

1. Perform a detailed and comprehensive study on local 911 systems across the State of Arkansas;
2. Seek input from all appropriate sources including state, county, and municipal elected officials to determine the current state of local 911 systems across the State of Arkansas;
3. Research the number, location, staffing, and equipment of each Public Safety Answering Point or "PSAP" in every county in the state;
4. Determine if there are local 911 systems with overlap and inefficiencies within the counties of this state;
5. Identify all current funding for 911 systems;
6. Identify all training that is required or available for 911 personnel within this state;
7. Obtain research and information from within this state and other states related to 911 systems;
8. Consider appropriate solutions that provide a statewide 911 network that is efficient and effective;
9. Make recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
10. Prepare and submit a written, final report of the recommendations of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Local 911 Systems on or before September 1, 2014 with the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Except as otherwise specified in these rules, the rules of the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate shall be observed by the committee, insofar as they are applicable. If an applicable rule does not exist or the House and Senate rules are incompatible, the co-chairs shall decide the issue.

1. The Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Local 911 Systems is made up of ten (10) members. Six (6) committee members constitute a quorum. Action by the committee requires a majority vote of the members present at a meeting in which a quorum is present.
2. Minutes of each committee meeting shall be produced and adopted at the subsequent scheduled meeting.
3. The co-chairs may provide the public an opportunity to speak during committee meetings to allow for public comment on issues before the committee.
4. A motion shall receive a second to be considered for action by the committee.
5. The committee shall vote by voice vote unless a roll call vote is requested by two (2) or more committee members. Roll call votes shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.
6. The Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Local 911 Systems shall expire on January 1, 2015.