

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AMEND VARIOUS RULES OF THE ARKANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS MEETING IN FOURTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION:

SECTION 1. House Rule 17(o) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(o) Postpone indefinitely (debatable)
(majority of membership);"

SECTION 2. House Rule 23 is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

- "(f) Members' own bills may be amended with their own amendments beginning at a specific time set aside by the House.
- (g) Members' own amendments to their own bills must be signed only by the sponsor of the bill whose name is listed first in the list of sponsors.
- (h) Members' own amendments to their own bills must be presented to the House Bill Clerk only by the sponsor of the bill whose name is listed first in the list of sponsors.
- (i) After acceptance, the House Bill Clerk shall furnish the sponsor with a stamped and numbered copy of the members' signed amendment.
- (j) The sponsor shall present a stamped, numbered and signed copy of a proposed amendment to the Calendar Clerk in order to have the bill and amendment placed on the "Members' Own Bill/Own Amendment Calendar".
- (k) A bill to be amended by a member with his/her own amendment shall only be placed on the "Members' Own Bill/Own Amendment Calendar" by the sponsor whose name is listed first on the bill.
- (l) An objection by any member, written or oral, to the Speaker of the House or his designee, shall cause a member's own amendment to his/her own bill to not be considered and to be removed from the "Members' Own Bill/Own Amendment Calendar" and automatically

placed on the same day's regular amendment calendar for consideration.

- (m) A member's own bill amended with a member's own amendment shall be transmitted directly to Engrossing after having been amended.
- (n) No bills having been amended shall be considered by any committee or the full House until such bills have been engrossed, proofed and reported "correctly engrossed". The Speaker or presiding officer shall not accept a motion to suspend this rule.
- (o) Members' own bills to be amended with their own amendments shall be placed on the "Members' Own Bill/Own Amendment Calendar" no later than 4:30 p.m. the day preceding the day they are to be considered."

SECTION 3. House Rule 24 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

- "(a) The motion for indefinite postponement and possible consideration by a joint interim committee shall be as follows:
Mr. Speaker, I move that consideration of _____ be postponed indefinitely and that consideration be given by the joint interim committee on _____ for a study of _____. (majority of membership)."

SECTION 4. House Rule 26(h) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(h) No "clincher" motion shall be entertained on a bill passed during the morning hour or which has been represented to be non-controversial regardless of when passed. Prior to the 60th day of a session, no bill passed during the morning hour, or a bill appearing on the non-controversial bill calendar which has passed, shall be transmitted to the Senate until the expiration of the morning hour of the day next following its passage in which the House is in session."

SECTION 5. House Rule 38 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

- "(a) No bill shall be read and considered either a first, second

or third time which does not contain a bill number, at least one author, a title expressing the main contents of the bill, an enacting clause and at least one section which shall be expressed in the title. The Speaker shall not entertain a motion to suspend this rule."

SECTION 6. House Rule 47 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"47. A House resolution shall be directed at some matter for the sole action of the House and may be introduced in extraordinary sessions, lack of germaneness notwithstanding. Fifty-one (51) votes shall be required to adopt a House resolution."

SECTION 7. House Rule 58(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) All committee and subcommittee meetings including but not limited to hearings at which public testimony is to be taken, (normally called "public hearings") shall be open to the public (Art. V, Sec. 13) and shall be scheduled at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance; agendas of bills, resolutions and other proposals to be considered at such meetings shall be posted in a designated place at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance; but in case of an emergency, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership of the committee may bring bills up for consideration upon notice of not less than four (4) hours."

SECTION 8. House Rule 64 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

"(a) A bill, resolution or amendment in a House committee having been rejected twice may not be brought up again during the same legislative session."

SECTION 9. House Rule 67(a)4. is hereby amended to read as follows:

"4. The reason for the committee's action on the bill, including a brief minority report, if requested by any two (2) committee members."

SECTION 10. House Rule 67(a)5. is hereby amended to read as follows:

"5. A record of how every member voted on each bill when action is taken by the committee, including votes on a motion to postpone consideration on the bill and a recorded vote on any other motion, if requested by any two (2) committee members."

SECTION 11. House Rule 90 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"90. No person not a representative shall cast a vote for a representative."