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2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Rules Committee**

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO AMEND THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY
12 SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 SECTION 1. Rule 23(a) of the permanent rules of the House of
15 Representatives of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly is hereby amended to
16 read as follows:

17 "(a) When a bill or resolution is under consideration, amendments shall
18 be in order. Upon adoption, amendments shall become a part of the bill or
19 resolution. Amendments to amendments may not be offered. All amendments
20 offered before the House or one of its committees must be typewritten on an
21 approved amendment form and signed by the sponsor. All amendments shall be
22 attached to the original bill, numbered by the Bill Clerk, and shall be placed
23 upon the members' desks before being acted upon by the House. (Art. V, Sec.
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26 SECTION 2. Rule 23 of the permanent rules of the House of
27 Representatives of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly is hereby amended to
28 add section (q) to read as follows:

29 "(q) Members' Own Bills may be withdrawn at a specific time set aside
30 by the House by placing them on the 'Withdrawal Calendar' no later than 4:30
31 p.m., the day preceding the day they are to be withdrawn. Bills for withdrawal
32 may be placed on the 'Withdrawal Calendar' only by the member whose name is
33 listed first as author of the bill. The member requesting withdrawal may
34 recommend the bill to be studied by the same committee to which the bill was
35 assigned at the time of request for withdrawal."

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2 SECTION 3. Rule 38(a) of the permanent rules of the House of
3 Representatives of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 "(a) No bill shall be read and considered either a first, second or
6 third time which does not contain a bill number, at least one author, a title
7 expressing the main contents of the bill, an enacting clause and at least one
8 section which shall be expressed in the title. The Speaker shall not
9 entertain a motion to suspend this rule. House Bills may contain Senate
10 sponsors and Senate Bills may contain House sponsors."

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12 SECTION 4. Rule 52 (a), (b), (d), and (f) respectively of the permanent
13 rules of the House of Representatives are hereby amended to read as follow:

14 "(a) Members of the standing committees shall be appointed and
15 confirmed by the Speaker on a seniority basis. Provided that after the
16 membership of a standing or select committee, *except the Joint Budget*
17 *Committee*, is established, seniority on such committee shall be on the basis
18 of service on the committee, and no member shall be removed from any standing
19 or select committee *other than the Joint Budget Committee* except: (1) upon
20 failure of re-election to the House of Representatives, or (2) upon consent or
21 request of the member. New members appointed to a committee shall start from
22 the bottom of the list of seniority on such committee, according to their
23 House seniority."

24 "(b) There shall be a chairman and a vice chairman of each standing
25 committee and each select committee. No member of the House shall be
26 chairman or vice-chairman of more than one standing or select committee.
27 Chairmen or vice chairmen of select committees, *except the Joint Budget*
28 *Committee*, serving on the effective date of this rule amendment shall be
29 entitled to retain their positions regardless of their seniority on the
30 committee. Thereafter, when vacancies occur in the position of chairman or
31 vice chairman of a standing or select committee, *except the Joint Budget*
32 *Committee*, the member of the committee having the highest rank in seniority on
33 the committee shall be chairman and the member of the committee having the
34 second highest rank in seniority on the committee shall be the vice chairman.

35 *The members and alternate members of the Joint Budget Committee shall be*
36 *selected in the manner prescribed by law. Vacancies in either a member or*

1 alternate member position shall be filled in the same manner as the initial
2 member or alternate member position was filled. The members of the Joint
3 Budget Committee shall select one of their number to serve as chairman and one
4 to serve as vice chairman."

5 "(d) The Speaker shall appoint members to fill only vacancies on all
6 House select committees. The House Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and
7 Enrolled Bills shall not be considered a standing or select committee. The
8 committee shall consist of the Speaker of the House of Representatives who
9 shall be chairman, the chairman of the House Rules Committee who shall be the
10 vice chairman, the chairman of the House Management Committee, and two (2)
11 members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House; and the House
12 Parliamentarian shall serve as secretary and advisor to the committee.

13 The House members of the Joint Budget Committee shall consist of five
14 (5) members of the House of Representatives and two (2) alternates chosen from
15 each congressional district as the same exists on March 1, 1991. The
16 selections shall be made by caucus of the House members residing within each
17 district. The term of office of the members shall be from sine die
18 adjournment of the regular session or July 1 of the odd-numbered year,
19 whichever is earlier, until sine die adjournment of the next regular session
20 or July 1 of the next odd-numbered year, whichever is earlier. Vacancies in
21 House Budget Committee membership shall be filled by caucus of the House
22 members of the congressional district from which the vacancy occurs (HR 1087
23 of 1991)."

24 "(f) Members and members-elect of the House of Representatives shall
25 opt for biennial standing committee choices at least one (1) week after
26 notification from the Speaker-designate. Failure to opt at least five (5)
27 days after receipt of a second notice by registered mail will automatically
28 allow the Speaker-designate to place the member on the same committees or the
29 member-elect on standing committees of the Speaker-designate's choice. All
30 signatures on correspondence received for committee assignment represent final
31 movement. There shall be no transfers from one standing committee to another
32 during the biennium following initial biennial confirmation. After
33 confirmation to standing committees, and if a vacancy occurs on any standing
34 committee during the biennium because of the death, resignation, impeachment,
35 etc., of a member, following the election of a new member to fill the

1 unexpired term, the newly elected member shall be assigned temporarily, by the
2 Speaker, for the remainder of the biennium, to the 'A' and 'B' standing
3 committees previously held by their predecessor. At the end of the biennium,
4 the temporary positions held on the 'A' and 'B' committees will be declared
5 vacant and will be available for choosing in accordance with a member's
6 seniority."

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8 SECTION 5. Rule 53(a) of the permanent rules of the House of
9 Representatives of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly is hereby amended to
10 read as follows:

11 "(a) Each committee of the House shall be provided a secretary who
12 shall maintain a current record of all bills, resolutions, petitions,
13 memorials, or other matters filed in committee. A record of committee actions
14 (committee reports, committee adopted amendments, etc.) shall be filed with
15 the Chief Clerk of the House as the first priority upon adjournment of the
16 committee. The secretary shall post, on a bulletin board, a current list of
17 all measures pending before the committee."

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19 SECTION 6. Rule 58 of the permanent rules of the House of
20 Representatives of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly is hereby amended to
21 add section (d) to read as follows:

22 "(d) The Speaker of the House shall establish a schedule of House
23 standing and select committee meetings so as to minimize conflicts."

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25 /s/John Paul Capps

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