

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

# **A Bill**

**HOUSE BILL**

4 **By: Representatives J. Wilson, McGee, Flanagin**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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"AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE SENIORITY SYSTEM IN THE HOUSE IN  
9 ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERM LIMITATION AMENDMENT."

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## **Subtitle**

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"TO ABOLISH THE SENIORITY SYSTEM IN THE HOUSE IN ACCORDANCE  
13 WITH THE TERM LIMITATION AMENDMENT."

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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17 SECTION 1. Beginning with the Eightieth General Assembly and  
18 notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, the present seniority system  
19 in the House of Representatives is hereby abolished and the present membership  
20 of all Standing, Select and Joint Committees of the House is abolished. The  
21 membership to all Standing Committees of the House shall be selected by lot,  
22 except that members may trade committee memberships at will. After the General  
23 Election but prior to the convening of the next regular session, the House of  
24 Representatives shall caucus and each member shall draw a number of between one  
25 (1) and one hundred (100) by lot. The person with number one (1) shall choose  
26 his membership on one (1) Standing Committee, and the rest of the membership  
27 shall choose membership on one (1) committee until all one hundred (100)  
28 members have chosen their membership on one (1) committee. The process shall  
29 be repeated until the membership of all Standing Committees has been  
30 determined. The members of each committee shall select their chairman and vice  
31 chairman. All bills pending in the House on the effective date of this act  
32 shall be referred back to committees whose membership were selected under this  
33 act.

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35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
11 hereby repealed.

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13 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
14 Assembly that due to the term limitation amendment to the Arkansas Constitution  
15 the membership of House committees should immediately be determined without  
16 regard to seniority; that such action must occur as soon as possible in order  
17 to avoid delaying the work of the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly; and that this  
18 act so provides. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this  
19 act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and  
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