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For An Act To Be Entitled

17 "AN ACT TO CREATE A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO BE KNOWN AS
18 THE TERM LIMITS TRANSITION TEAM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE
19 SELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM AND TO PRESCRIBE ITS
20 FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

23 "TO CREATE A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO BE
24 KNOWN AS THE TERM LIMITS TRANSITION
25 TEAM."

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

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29 SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly
30 that as a result of the term limits amendment to the Arkansas Constitution
31 which limits members of the House of Representatives to three two-year terms
32 and members of the Senate to two four-year terms, the members of the House
33 and Senate will in the future have very limited experience in the legislative
34 process and very limited knowledge of state government and the various state
35 programs and the methods of funding the various programs; the functions of

1 the various state offices, agencies and institutions; the state tax base; the
2 services available to the General Assembly and the individual members through
3 the legislative staff; and other matters essential to the effective and
4 efficient operation of the legislative branch of government; that unless
5 remedied, such inexperience and lack of knowledge may result in greatly
6 extended regular sessions of the General Assembly and could seriously impair
7 the operation of state government. It is therefore the intent and purpose of
8 this act to provide for the establishment of an educational program for
9 legislators whereby legislators will have an opportunity in the interim
10 between legislative sessions to learn more about state government, the
11 function and responsibility of the legislative branch and the manner and
12 procedure for performing their duties as the state_s lawmakers.

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14 SECTION 2. There is hereby created a legislative committee to be known
15 as the Term Limits Transition Team, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.
16 The Committee shall consist of twenty-six (26) members of the House of
17 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the Eighty-First General
18 Assembly and each General Assembly thereafter. Six (6) House members of the
19 Committee shall be appointed from each of the current congressional districts
20 in the state and two (2) House members shall be selected from the state at
21 large. Three (3) of the members appointed from each congressional district
22 shall be serving their second term in the House and three (3) members from
23 each congressional district shall have served three or more terms in the
24 House including their current term. The Speaker shall appoint co-chair from
25 the membership of the committee. One (1) co-chair shall be a member who has
26 served three or more terms in the House, including their current term, and
27 the other co-chair shall be a member who is serving a second term in the
28 House. The committee shall appoint not more than four (4) subcommittees to
29 assist the committee in carrying out its responsibilities and shall designate
30 co-chair of each subcommittee.

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32 SECTION 3. The committee shall design and conduct or cause to be
33 conducted appropriate legislative seminars for members of the General
34 Assembly to prepare the members to effectively and efficiently carry out
35 their duties as legislators. The seminars shall include presentations by

1 experienced members of the General Assembly, by legislative staff, by members
2 of the executive and judicial branches, and by such other persons as the
3 Committee shall deem appropriate to enhance the legislator_s knowledge
4 concerning legislative duties and procedures and of state government
5 organization and operation, and such other matters as the Committee
6 determines to be necessary or desirable to enable the General Assembly and
7 individual members to function in a knowledgeable, orderly, effective and
8 efficient manner.

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10 SECTION 4. The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide assistance
11 to the Committee as requested by the Committee and approved by the Policy-
12 Making Committee of the Legislative Council. In addition, the Committee is
13 authorized to employ such professional and clerical staff and engage such
14 consultant services as the Committee deems appropriate and as may be
15 authorized by appropriation of the General Assembly.

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17 SECTION 5. The members of the Committee and its subcommittees shall be
18 entitled to per diem and mileage for attending meetings of the Committee and
19 its subcommittees at the same rates as are provided for members of the joint
20 interim committees and such per diem and mileage shall be paid from funds
21 appropriated for paying per diem and mileage of members of joint interim
22 committees. The co-chair of the Committee and the co-chair of each of the
23 subcommittees shall be entitled to receive the additional expense allowance
24 provided for committee chairs in Arkansas Code 10-2-215.

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26 SECTION 6. The members of the General Assembly who attend the seminars
27 designed and conducted or caused to be conducted by the Committee shall be
28 entitled to per diem and mileage at the same rates as are provided for
29 members of joint interim committees. The per diem and mileage of members of
30 the General Assembly attending seminars shall be paid from funds specifically
31 appropriated for that purpose.

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33 SECTION 7. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
34 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
35 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

SECTION 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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