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A Bill

SENATE BILL 47

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 10-3-802 TO ESTABLISH THE
9 METHOD OF SELECTING THE SENATE COCHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT
10 COMMITTEE ON ENERGY WHEN ALL SENATE MEMBERS OF THE
11 COMMITTEE ARE CHAIRMEN OF OTHER COMMITTEES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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16 METHOD OF SELECTING SENATE COCHAIRMAN OF
17 JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY WHEN ALL
18 SENATE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE
19 CHAIRMEN OF OTHER COMMITTEES."

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 10-3-802 is amended to read as follows:

24 "§ 10-3-802. Joint Standing Committee on Energy - Membership -
25 Cochairmen.

26 (a) There is created a joint standing committee of the House of
27 Representatives and the Senate of the Arkansas General Assembly to be known
28 as the Joint Committee on Energy.

29 (b)(1) The committee shall be a select committee of the House and
30 Senate, whose members shall be chosen as follows:

31 (A) *Seven (7) members of the Senate to be named by the*
32 *Senate Committee on Committees; and*

33 (B) *Thirteen (13) members of the House of Representatives*
34 *to be selected as provided by House Rule.*

35 (2)(A) Each Senate member is authorized to appoint a member of

1 the Senate to serve as his or her alternate on the committee; and

2 (B) One (1) alternate member for each of the *thirteen (13)*
3 House members shall, *according to House Rules*, be selected as prescribed by
4 House Rule.

5 (3) Senate members and alternate Senate members of the Joint
6 Committee on Energy shall be appointed at each regular biennial session of
7 the General Assembly and shall serve until the convening of the next regular
8 session of the General Assembly.

9 (c) Members appointed to the Joint Committee on Energy shall serve on
10 the committee in addition to their service on the regular standing and select
11 committees of the Senate.

12 (d) The Senate Committee on Committees shall designate one (1) of the
13 Senate members of the Joint Committee on Energy to serve as the Senate
14 *cochairman of the committee*. The Speaker of the House of Representatives
15 shall designate *two (2)* of the House members appointed to the Joint Committee
16 on Energy to serve as the House cochairman *and co-vice-chairman* of the
17 committee. The cochairmen of the Joint Committee on Energy shall preside at
18 alternate meetings of the committee unless the cochairmen shall agree
19 otherwise.

20 (e) *Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) through (d) of*
21 *this section to the contrary, for the years 1995 and 1996 the Committee on*
22 *Committees shall appoint five (5) Senators to the committee and the President*
23 *Pro Tem shall appoint two (2) Senators to the committee. Furthermore,*
24 *notwithstanding subsection (d) to the contrary, for years 1995 and 1996 the*
25 *President Pro Tem shall designate one (1) of the Senate members of the*
26 *committee to serve as cochairman if none of the other members can serve as*
27 *cochairman under Senate rules."*

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29 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
30 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
31 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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33 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
2 act are declared to be severable.

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

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