

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2154

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5 By: Representative Hogue

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 10-3-203 TO PROVIDE THAT
10 THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE SHALL
11 SERVE AS INTERIM COMMITTEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO PROVIDE THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEES
15 OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE SHALL SERVE AS
16 INTERIM COMMITTEES."

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 10-3-203(3) is amended to read as follows:

21 "~~(3)(A) The following ten (10) subject matter interim committees of~~
22 ~~each house of the General Assembly, with the House committees to each consist~~
23 ~~of the twenty (20) members of the House of Representatives and the Senate~~
24 ~~committees to each consist of the seven (7) members of the Senate, who compose~~
25 ~~the respective standing committees of the House and Senate having comparable~~
26 ~~subject matter jurisdiction, plus such other nonvoting members as may be~~
27 ~~selected pursuant to rules of the House of Representatives and the Senate, who~~
28 ~~shall be entitled to per diem and mileage for attending meetings of the~~
29 ~~committees:~~

30 ~~_____ (i) Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor. This~~
31 ~~committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to public health,~~
32 ~~mental health, mental retardation, public welfare, human relations and~~
33 ~~resources, environmental affairs, water and air pollution, labor and labor~~
34 ~~relations, and similar legislation;~~

35 ~~_____ (ii) Committee on Public Transportation. This committee shall~~
36 ~~have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to roads and highways, city streets,~~

~~1 county roads, highway safety, airports and air transportation, common and
2 contract carriers, mass transit, and similar legislation;~~

~~3 _____ (iii) Committee on Revenue and Taxation. This committee shall
4 have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to the levy, increase, reduction,
5 collection, enforcement, and administration of taxes and other revenue-
6 producing measures;~~

~~7 _____ (iv) Committee on Education. This committee shall have
8 jurisdiction of matters pertaining to public kindergarten, elementary and
9 secondary education, adult education, vocational education, vocational-
10 technical schools, vocational rehabilitation, higher education, private
11 educational institutions, and similar legislation;~~

~~12 _____ (v) Committee on Judiciary. This committee shall have
13 jurisdiction of matters pertaining to state and local courts, court clerks and
14 stenographers and other employees of the courts, civil and criminal
15 procedures, probate matters, civil and criminal laws, and similar matters;~~

~~16 _____ (vi) Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development. This
17 committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to agriculture,
18 livestock, forestry, industrial development, natural resources, oil and gas,
19 publicity and parks, levees and drainage, rivers and harbors, and similar
20 legislation;~~

~~21 _____ (vii) Committee on Insurance and Commerce. This committee shall
22 have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to banks and banking, savings and loan
23 associations, stocks, bonds, and other securities, securities dealers,
24 insurance, public utilities, partnerships and corporations, home mortgage
25 financing and housing, and similar legislation;~~

~~26 _____ (viii) Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs. This
27 committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to state government
28 and state agencies except where the subject matter relates more appropriately
29 to another committee, proposed amendments to the Constitution of Arkansas or
30 the United States Constitution, election laws and procedures, federal and
31 interstate relations, and similar legislation;~~

~~32 _____ (ix) Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs. This committee
33 shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to city and municipal affairs,
34 county affairs, local improvement districts, interlocal governmental
35 cooperation, and similar legislation;~~

~~36 _____ (x) Committee on Aging and Legislative Affairs. This committee~~

1 ~~shall have jurisdiction of bills and resolutions affecting the aged and~~
 2 ~~problems of the aged, bills and resolutions affecting the legislative~~
 3 ~~department of government, bills and resolutions affecting the joint rules of~~
 4 ~~the House and Senate, memorials and resolutions, and other matters whenever~~
 5 ~~the subject matter is not germane to the subject matter of any other standing~~
 6 ~~committee. The committee shall serve as the supervisory committee over the~~
 7 ~~preparation of the journal and the engrossing and enrolling of bills. The~~
 8 ~~committee shall also have the responsibility of monitoring and making~~
 9 ~~recommendations for periodic updating, modernizing, and revising of the Code~~
 10 ~~of Ethics for public officers and employees. This committee shall have no~~
 11 ~~jurisdiction of matters affecting the interpretation of the rules of the House~~
 12 ~~of Representatives and the Senate, but that jurisdiction shall be exercised by~~
 13 ~~the Rules Committees of the respective bodies. The "A" and "B" standing~~
 14 committees of the House of Representatives shall be interim House committees
 15 between sessions of the General Assembly and the "A", "B", and "C" standing
 16 committees of the Senate shall be interim Senate committees between sessions
 17 of the General Assembly.

18 (B) Members of the ~~ten (10)~~ interim House committees and the ~~ten (10)~~
 19 interim Senate committees established in this subsection may also serve as
 20 members of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Joint Auditing
 21 Committee.

22 (C) Any member of the House of Representatives who sponsors a proposal
 23 or resolution providing for a study which is referred to one (1) of the ~~ten~~
 24 ~~(10)~~ House interim committees and any member of the Senate who sponsors a
 25 proposal or resolution providing for a study which is referred to one of the
 26 ~~ten (10)~~ Senate interim committees may serve as an ex officio member of that
 27 committee during the conduct of the study resulting from his proposal or
 28 resolution.

29 (D) The respective House and Senate interim committees may meet
 30 separately or the House and Senate interim committees of comparable subject
 31 matter jurisdiction may meet jointly.

32 (E) The House interim committees created by this section shall be
 33 subject to the rules of the House of Representatives."

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35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
 36 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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12 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
 13 Assembly that the House and Senate standing committees created by House and
 14 Senate Rule should serve during the interim as interim committees of the
 15 General Assembly; that this act so provides; and that this act should be in
 16 effect upon adjournment of this regular session in order for those committees
 17 to commence functioning as interim committees. Therefore an emergency is
 18 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
 19 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on
 20 the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor
 21 vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
 22 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
 23 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
 24 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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