

Stricken language would be deleted from the present rule. Underlined language would be added to present rule.

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## 8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO AMEND THE HOUSE RULES PERTAINING TO THE SELECTION OF  
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### 14 Subtitle

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19 JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEES.  
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22 NOW THEREFORE,  
23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. House Rule 10.(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:  
27 "10.(a)(1) ~~The members of the House of Representatives in each House~~  
28 ~~caucus district shall caucus on the first Tuesday in March during each regular~~  
29 ~~biennial session for the selection of members to serve on the Legislative~~  
30 ~~Council and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.~~ A caucus of the entire  
31 House of Representatives shall be held ~~that same date~~ on the first Tuesday in  
32 March during each regular biennial session at which time the members of the  
33 House shall select by secret ballot a member of the House to be known as the  
34 Speaker-designate. Each candidate for Speaker-designate shall be allowed  
35 fifteen minutes to address the House before the ballot is taken. The Speaker  
36 shall announce the name and number of votes received by the candidate who  
37 received at least a majority of the votes of the membership of the House.

1 Each candidate shall be entitled to verify the number of votes he or she  
2 received."

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4 SECTION 2. House Rule 10.(a)(4) is amended to read as follows:

5 "10.(a)(4) If it is determined that the Speaker-designate will not  
6 serve as a member of the House of Representatives of the next-following  
7 General Assembly due to death, resignation, failure to be a candidate for  
8 reelection in the party primary election, or failure to be reelected as a  
9 party candidate in the primary election, a vacancy in the position of Speaker-  
10 designate shall exist and ~~not~~ be filled at the caucus of the entire House of  
11 Representatives-elect held on the Friday following the November general  
12 election for the selection of members to serve on standing committees, the  
13 Legislative Council, the House Budget Committee, and the Legislative Joint  
14 Auditing Committee, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be  
15 elected upon convening of the next regular session."

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17 SECTION 3. House Rule 45.(e) is amended to read as follows:

18 "45.(e) All appropriation bills and other bills which, ~~under the Joint~~  
19 ~~Rules of the House and Senate,~~ are required to be submitted to the ~~Joint~~  
20 Budget Committee, or to another designated ~~joint~~ committee of the House and  
21 Senate, which are amended on the floor of either house of the General Assembly  
22 by an amendment which was not recommended favorably by the ~~Joint~~ Budget  
23 Committee, or by ~~the any~~ other ~~joint~~ committee of the House and Senate to  
24 which referred, shall be re-referred to such ~~joint~~ committee of the House and  
25 Senate for consideration and recommendation before said bill may be considered  
26 for final passage or concurrence by the House of Representatives."

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28 SECTION 4. House Rule 51.(b)(1) is amended to read as follows:

29 "51.(b)(1) Joint Budget -- (to consist of twenty (20) members of the  
30 House and twenty (20) members of the Senate)- (A.C.A. 10-3-501 thru 10-3-508)  
31 The House members of the Joint Budget Committee shall be known as the House  
32 Budget Committee."

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34 SECTION 5. House rule 51.(d)(1)(a) is amended to read as follows:

35 "51.(d)(1)(a) The Chairperson of the House ~~Joint~~ Budget Committee;"

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2 SECTION 6. House Rule 52.(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:

3 "52.(a)(1) Members of the standing committees shall be selected by  
4 House District Caucuses of members-elect on the Friday following the November  
5 general election with each caucus selecting five (5) members for each "A"  
6 standing committee and five (5) members for each "B" standing committee. The  
7 members-elect of the Second District Caucus shall select up to three (3)  
8 members for each standing committee from within the Pulaski County membership  
9 and the remaining members for each standing committee from without the Pulaski  
10 County membership; this provision may be waived by majority vote of the  
11 members-elect from without Pulaski County. Standing committee membership  
12 shall be confirmed at the same time that representatives are administered the  
13 oath of office."

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15 SECTION 7. House Rule 52.(b)(1) is amended to read as follows:

16 "52.(b)(1) The Speaker shall appoint all members on all House select  
17 committees and all Joint Select Committees except the Joint or House Budget  
18 Committee."

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20 SECTION 8. House Rule 52.(b)(2) is amended to read as follows:

21 "52.(b)(2) The House ~~members of the Joint~~ Budget Committee shall  
22 consist of five (5) members of the House of Representatives and two (2)  
23 alternates chosen from each caucus district on the first ~~Tuesday in March~~  
24 during Friday following the November general election before each regular  
25 biennial session. At the time the alternates are selected, one shall be  
26 designated as first alternate and the other as second alternate. The  
27 selections shall be made by caucus of the House members-elect residing within  
28 each caucus district. Members-elect chosen for membership on the House Budget  
29 Committee shall select one of their number to serve as chairperson-elect and  
30 one to serve as vice chairperson-elect. The term of office of the members  
31 shall be from ~~sine die adjournment of the regular session or July 1~~ January 1  
32 of the odd-numbered year years through December 31 of the following even-  
33 numbered year, whichever is earlier, until sine die adjournment of the next  
34 ~~regular session or July 1 of the next odd-numbered year, whichever is earlier.~~  
35 ~~The members of the Joint Budget Committee shall select one of their number to~~

1 ~~serve as chairperson and one to serve as vice chairperson.~~ Vacancies in  
2 either a member or alternate member position shall be filled in the same  
3 manner as the initial member or alternate member position was filled. House  
4 Budget Committee membership shall be confirmed at the same time that  
5 representatives are administered the oath of office. Prior to confirmation,  
6 however, members-elect chosen to serve on the House Budget Committee shall  
7 conduct pre-session budget hearings, either standing alone or in conjunction  
8 with the Legislative Council."

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10 SECTION 9. House Rule 52.(b)(3) is amended to read as follows:

11 "52.(b)(3) No member of the House of Representatives shall serve on  
12 more than one (1) select committee. The Legislative Council, the Legislative  
13 Joint Auditing Committee, the ~~Joint~~ House Budget Committee, the House  
14 Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, and the House  
15 Management Committee are excluded therefrom."

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17 SECTION 10. House Rule 63.(b) is amended to read as follows:

18 "63.(b) ~~Joint~~ House Budget Committee. All appropriation bills coming  
19 before the House shall be assigned to and considered by the ~~Joint~~ House Budget  
20 Committee."

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22 SECTION 11. House Rule 71 is amended to read as follows:

23 "71. The Speaker of the House, in setting the calendar of budgets or  
24 appropriation bills to be considered in the House shall, from time to time,  
25 confer with the chairperson of the ~~Joint~~ House Budget Committee on the  
26 appropriation bills pending and may designate specific days or times to be set  
27 aside in the House to be devoted solely to consideration of appropriation  
28 bills and other budget matters. At least by 3:00 p.m. on the previous day  
29 before any appropriation bill may be considered in the Committee of the Whole,  
30 the chairperson of the ~~Joint~~ House Budget committee shall cause to be prepared  
31 and placed on each member's desk, a listing of appropriation bills to be  
32 considered in the Committee of the Whole, broken down as follows:"

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34 SECTION 12. House Rule 71.(a) is amended to read as follows:

35 "71.(a) Appropriation bills sponsored by the Joint Budget Committee or

1 the House Budget Committee, prepared in accordance with Legislative Council  
2 recommendations;"

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4 SECTION 13. House Rule 71.(b) is amended to read as follows:

5 "71.(b) All other appropriation bills sponsored by the Joint Budget  
6 Committee or the House Budget Committee which were not considered by the  
7 Legislative Council;"

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9 SECTION 14. House Rule 71.(c) is amended to read as follows:

10 "71.(c) Bills introduced by members of the House (or Senate) that shall  
11 have been recommended by the Joint Budget Committee or the House Budget  
12 Committee "do pass" or "do pass as amended"; and"

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14 SECTION 15. House Rule 71.(d) is amended to read as follows:

15 "71.(d) Appropriation bills amended in the Senate without Joint Budget  
16 Committee or House Budget Committee action. The aforementioned list of  
17 appropriation bills shall include the number of the bill, the author of the  
18 bill, and the name and agency and//or program for which the appropriation is  
19 to be made. In the event the Joint Budget Committee or the House Budget  
20 Committee recommendations in regard to the appropriation shall differ, in any  
21 respect, from the recommendations made by the Legislative Council in regard  
22 thereto, said list shall identify each such change in the appropriation bill  
23 which differs from the recommendation of the Legislative Council."

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25 SECTION 16. House Rule 77.(a) is amended to read as follows:

26 "~~77.(a) The House of Representatives-elect shall, on the first Friday~~  
27 ~~following the November general election, select twenty (20) members to serve~~  
28 ~~on the Legislative Council, with five (5) members to be chosen from each of~~  
29 ~~the caucus districts in effect on January 9, 1995. Twenty (20) of the House~~  
30 ~~members of the Legislative Council shall be selected by members-elect of the~~  
31 ~~House caucus districts. Each caucus shall select five (5) members. The~~  
32 ~~selections shall occur on the Friday following the November general election.~~

33 *However no more than one (1) member selected by caucus shall reside within*  
34 *the same county. The term of office of the members shall be from January 1*  
35 *of odd-numbered years to December 31 of the following even-numbered year.*

1 Legislative Council membership shall be confirmed at the same time that  
2 representatives are administered the oath of office."

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4 SECTION 17. House Rule 78.(a) is amended to read as follows:

5 "78.(a) ~~The House of Representatives elect shall, on the first Friday~~  
6 ~~following the November general election, select twenty (20) members to serve~~  
7 ~~on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, with five (5) members to be~~  
8 ~~chosen from each of the caucus districts in effect on January 9, 1995. House~~  
9 ~~members of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee shall be selected by~~  
10 ~~members-elect of each House caucus district. The selections shall occur on~~  
11 ~~the Friday following the November general election. Each caucus shall select~~  
12 ~~five (5) members.~~ However no more than two (2) members shall reside within  
13 the same county. The term of office of the members shall be from January 1 of  
14 odd-numbered years to December 31 of the following even-numbered year.  
15 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee membership shall be confirmed at the same  
16 time that representatives are administered the oath of office."

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/s/Rep. Beatty

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