

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

SENATE BILL 45

4  
5 By: Senator Hopkins

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 10-3-701 TO MAKE IT CONFORM  
10 TO HOUSE RULES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

13 "TO AMEND CODE TO MAKE IT CONFORM TO  
14 HOUSE RULES."

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

18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 10-3-701(b)(2) pertaining to the Joint  
19 Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs is amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 "~~(2) The highest ranking House member on the committee shall serve as~~  
22 ~~House cochairman of the committee, and the second highest ranking House member~~  
23 ~~of the committee shall serve as House vice chairman of the committee. The~~  
24 House cochairman and House co-vice-chairman of the committee shall be selected  
25 in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives."

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

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

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2 hereby repealed.

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4 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
5 Assembly that the method prescribed by law for selecting the House cochairman  
6 and House co-vice-chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and  
7 Social Security Programs violates the rules of the House of Representatives;  
8 that the selection of committee officers is an internal affair of the chamber  
9 which should be addressed by rule; that the conflicting statutory provision  
10 results in confusion and hampers the efficient operation of the House; that  
11 this act will eliminate the conflict and make the law compatible with the  
12 other laws relating to House committees; that clarification should be  
13 accomplished as soon as possible in order to minimize disruption of the  
14 operation of the committee during this regular session and hereafter.  
15 Therefore an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately  
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall  
17 become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is  
18 neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the  
19 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill.  
20 If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall  
21 become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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