

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 6

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5 By: Senators Baker, J. Jeffress
6 By: Representative Parks

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR THE GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY TO HOLD BUDGET HEARINGS; TO LIMIT THE
12 PRESESSION BUDGET HEARING PROCEDURE; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO HOLD BUDGET
18 HEARINGS, TO LIMIT THE PRESESSION BUDGET
19 HEARING PROCEDURE.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 10-2-101 is amended to read as follows:
25 10-2-101. Time for meeting.

26 (a)(1) The General Assembly shall meet in regular biennial session at
27 12:00 noon on the second Monday in January in each odd-numbered year and
28 shall remain in session only for such time, not to exceed three (3) days, as
29 is necessary to:

30 (A) Open and publish the votes for various constitutional
31 offices;

32 (B) Swear in the state constitutional officers;

33 (C) Swear in members of the General Assembly;

34 (D) Organize and select officers; and

35 (E) Otherwise prepare for the regular session.

36 (2)(A) Following the period of time allowed in subdivision



1 (a)(1), the General Assembly shall stand in recess until on or before the
 2 third Monday in February.

3 (B) During the recess set forth in subdivision (a)(2)(A),
 4 the Joint Budget Committee shall meet and hold hearings as needed to
 5 ascertain:

6 (i) The needs of each department of state government
 7 and all of its agencies, institutions, and offices;

8 (ii) The number of employees required by each of
 9 them; and

10 (iii) The necessary amount of money from public
 11 funds required to carry on the work or functions of each department, agency,
 12 institution, and office.

13 (C) The Joint Budget Committee shall before the third
 14 Monday of February or the last day of the recess prepare and submit to the
 15 General Assembly an itemized budget for each department, agency, office, and
 16 institution supported by the state government.

17 (b)(1) Following the November general election, a three-week
 18 presession budget hearing may be conducted by the Legislative Council and the
 19 Joint Budget Committee to ascertain:

20 (A) The needs of a boards and commissions with money in
 21 local financial institutions, commonly referred to as cash fund agencies;

22 (B) The number of employees required by each of the boards
 23 and commissions set forth in subdivision (b)(1)(A); and

24 (C) The necessary amount of money from public funds
 25 required to carry on the work or functions of the boards and commissions set
 26 forth in subdivision (b)(1)(A).

27 (2) Before each session of the General Assembly, the Legislative
 28 Council and the Joint Budget Committee shall prepare and submit to the
 29 General Assembly an itemized budget for the cash fund agencies.

30 ~~However, in any odd-numbered year following the election of a nonincumbent~~
 31 ~~governor, the General Assembly upon convening at 12:00 noon on the second~~
 32 ~~Monday in January may remain in session only for such time not to exceed two~~
 33 ~~(2) days as is necessary to open and publish the votes for various~~
 34 ~~constitutional offices, to swear in the state constitutional officers and~~
 35 ~~members of the General Assembly, to organize and select officers, and to~~
 36 ~~otherwise prepare for the regular session. It may then stand in recess for a~~

1 ~~period of not to exceed thirty (30) days.~~

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 10-3-307 is amended to read as follows:
4 10-3-307. Submission of itemized budgets to Legislative Council.

5 All state agencies, departments, institutions, and offices shall submit
6 to the ~~Legislative Council~~ Joint Budget Committee a budget for their
7 operation in the manner and at the times as requested by the ~~Legislative~~
8 ~~Council~~ Joint Budget Committee. ~~The Legislative Council shall ascertain the~~
9 ~~needs of each department of state government and all of its agencies,~~
10 ~~institutions, and offices; the number of employees required by each of them;~~
11 ~~and the necessary amount of money from public funds required to carry on the~~
12 ~~work or functions of any department, agency, institution, and office; and~~
13 ~~shall before each session of the General Assembly prepare and submit to the~~
14 ~~General Assembly an itemized budget for each department, agency, office, and~~
15 ~~institution supported by the state government.~~