

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING QUORUM COURT
COMMITTEE MEETINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING QUORUM COURT
COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(c), concerning county legislative
21 procedures, is amended to read as follows:

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(c) Special Meetings of Quorum Court.

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(1) The county judge or a majority of the elected justices may
24 call a special meeting of the quorum court upon at least twenty-four (24)
25 hours' notice in such manner as may be prescribed by local ordinance.

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(2) In the absence of procedural rules, the county judge or a
27 majority of the elected justices may call a special meeting of the quorum
28 court upon written notification of all members not less than two (2) calendar
29 days prior to the calendar day fixed for the time of the meeting. The notice
30 of special meeting shall specify the subjects, date, time, and designated
31 location of the special meeting.

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(3)(A) Notice of assembly of a county grievance committee or
33 assembly of less than a quorum of the body, referred to under this section as
34 a "regular committee" or "special committee", may be provided upon oral
35 notice to the members of at least forty-eight (48) hours unless an emergency
36 exists.



1 (B) If an emergency exists, written notice of at least twenty-
2 four (24) hours stating the basis of the emergency shall be provided.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(d), concerning county legislative
5 procedures, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

6 (d) Presiding Officer.

7 (1)(A) The county judge shall preside over the quorum court
8 without a vote but with the power of veto.

9 (B) In the absence of the county judge, a quorum of the
10 justices by majority vote shall elect one (1) of their number to preside but
11 without the power to veto.

12 (2)(A) The presiding officer shall appoint all regular and
13 special committees of a quorum court, subject to any procedural rules that
14 may be adopted by ordinance.

15 (B) A regular committee or special committee of the quorum
16 court shall not consist of more than a quorum of the whole body without the
17 consent of the county judge.

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