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HR 1001

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO INCLUDE A RULE
10 REGARDING THE ELIGIBILITY, QUALIFICATIONS, AND
11 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;
12 TO INCLUDE A RULE REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR
13 CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT BY THE HOUSE
14 OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
27 First General Assembly are amended to add two (2) additional sections to read
28 as follows:

29 111. Eligibility, Qualifications, and Removal of Members of the House
30 of Representatives. (Arkansas Constitution, Art. 5, § 12; Arkansas Code § 7-
31 5-805; and other applicable constitutional and statutory provisions)

32 112. Impeachments.

33 112.(a) The House of Representatives has the sole power of impeachment
34 under Arkansas Constitution, Article 15, § 2, and shall initiate impeachment
35 proceedings by filing articles of impeachment in the form of a House
36 Resolution, co-sponsored by at least thirty-four (34) members. Upon filing



1 of the impeachment resolution, the Speaker of the House shall refer the
2 impeachment resolution to committee for the following purposes:

3 (1) To investigate the allegations asserted in the articles of
4 impeachment; and

5 (2) To make a recommendation to the House of Representatives as
6 to whether cause exists to impeach the official that is the subject of the
7 articles of impeachment.

8 112.(b) All meetings of the committee to which the articles of
9 impeachment are referred shall be open to the public. Advance notice shall
10 be given to the public for all meetings consistent with notice requirements
11 of other House committee meetings and shall include publication of the agenda
12 for the meeting.

13 112.(c) The committee shall adopt rules to govern the proceedings
14 concerning the issue of impeachment in order to ensure due process,
15 fundamental fairness, and a thorough investigation, provided that the rules
16 of the committee are not inconsistent with this rule.

17 112.(d) The committee shall gather information and may hear testimony
18 related to the question of whether cause exists to impeach the official that
19 is the subject of the articles of impeachment.

20 112.(e)(1) Upon conclusion of its investigation, the committee shall
21 return its recommendation to the House of Representatives regarding the
22 resolution containing the articles of impeachment.

23 (2) The committee by an affirmative vote of a majority of its
24 membership may offer amendments to the impeachment resolution.

25 (3) The committee shall submit to the House of Representatives,
26 along with its recommendation on the resolution, a report regarding its
27 findings and conclusions. If the recommendation of the committee is not
28 unanimous, at the request of two (2) members, the members in opposition to
29 the recommendation of the committee may submit a dissenting report.

30 (4) The recommendation of the committee, along with the
31 committee report and any dissenting report, shall be provided to the members
32 of the House of Representatives no less than three (3) business days prior to
33 consideration of the impeachment resolution by the House of Representatives.

34 112.(f) Upon the conclusion of the three (3) business days, the
35 Speaker of the House shall call the House of Representatives into a meeting
36 in order to take up consideration of the impeachment resolution and the

1 recommendation of the committee.
2 112.(g) Passage of the impeachment resolution shall require an
3 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the House of
4 Representatives. The vote shall be by roll call.

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