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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO AMEND THE
10 RULES REGARDING SELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR HOUSE
11 COMMITTEES.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Rule 54 of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
24 Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 54.(a)(1) Each standing committee shall consist of twenty (20)
27 members. Each member of the House of Representatives shall serve on two (2)
28 standing committees, one (1) of which shall be a Class "A" standing committee
29 and one (1) of which shall be a Class "B" standing committee. ~~The Speaker of~~
30 ~~the House of Representatives shall select from each of the four (4) House~~
31 ~~District Caucuses five (5) members for each "A" standing committee and five~~
32 ~~(5) members for each "B" standing committee~~ Members of the standing
33 committees shall be selected as follows:

34 (A) Each Class "A" standing committee and each Class "B"
35 standing committee shall have five (5) members from each of the four (4)
36 House district caucuses.



1 (B) Prior to the process of committee selection by the
2 members-elect, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint a
3 total of up to ten (10) members to the Class "A" and Class "B" standing
4 committees. A member selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
5 may decline the appointment.

6 (C)(i) The most senior member of the House of
7 Representatives shall select first and shall choose a position on a Class "A"
8 standing committee. The next-senior member shall then choose a position on a
9 Class "A" standing committee. The seniority rotation procedure shall
10 continue until the member with the least seniority makes his or her
11 selection.

12 (ii) After the member with the least seniority makes
13 his or her Class "A" standing committee selection, the most senior member
14 shall select his or her Class "B" standing committee. The seniority rotation
15 shall continue until the member with the least seniority selects his or her
16 Class "B" standing committee.

17 (iii) A member who accepts an appointment by the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives to a Class "A" standing committee
19 shall be passed over during the seniority selection process for Class "A"
20 standing committees and shall be allowed to make his or her selection during
21 the Class "B" standing committee selection. A member who accepts an
22 appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to a Class "B"
23 standing committee shall make his or her selection during the Class "A"
24 standing committee selection process but shall be passed over during the
25 seniority selection process for Class "B" standing committees.

26 (D)(i) A member may trade a committee membership with
27 another member.

28 (ii) A trade of committee membership may only occur
29 within the twenty-four (24) hours immediately following the committee
30 selection process.

31 (iii) A trade of committee membership shall be in
32 writing and signed by the members who are trading their committee
33 memberships, the trading members' political caucus leaders, and the Speaker
34 of the House of Representatives.

35 (iv) Once completed, written and signed
36 documentation of the trade of committee membership shall filed in the House

1 Journal.

2 (E) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
 3 select the date for the committee selection process in the House of
 4 Representatives, which shall include selection of membership for Class "A"
 5 and Class "B" standing committees, House Budget Committee, the Legislative
 6 Council, and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

7 54.(a)(2) A member may not serve on more than one (1) committee of the
 8 same class.

9 54.(a)(3) Standing committee membership shall be confirmed at the same
 10 time that House members are administered the oath of office.

11 ~~54.(a)(2)(a)(4) Each standing committee shall consist of twenty (20)~~
 12 ~~members. Each member of the House shall serve on two (2) standing committees,~~
 13 ~~one (1) of which shall be a Class "A" committee and one (1) of which shall be~~
 14 ~~a Class "B" committee. From within each standing committee there shall be~~
 15 ~~created three (3) permanent subcommittees consisting of eight (8) members.~~
 16 ~~Each member of the House of Representatives shall serve on two (2) permanent~~
 17 ~~subcommittees, one (1) from a Class "A" standing committee and one (1) from a~~
 18 ~~Class "B" standing committee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and~~
 19 ~~the chairperson of each standing committee shall jointly appoint from the~~
 20 ~~membership of the standing committee six (6) persons for each permanent~~
 21 ~~subcommittee available, provided further the chairperson and vice chairperson~~
 22 ~~of each standing committee shall be ex-officio, voting members of each~~
 23 ~~permanent subcommittee created from within their standing committee. The~~
 24 ~~permanent subcommittees of the standing committees may meet after having~~
 25 ~~first obtained prior approval of the standing committee chairperson.~~

26 ~~54.(a)(3)(a)(5) There shall be no transfers from one standing committee~~
 27 ~~to another or from one permanent subcommittee to another during the biennium~~
 28 ~~following initial biennial appointment and ~~or~~ confirmation. After selection~~
 29 ~~of standing committee members and permanent subcommittee members, a vacancy~~
 30 ~~occurring on a standing committee or permanent subcommittee during the~~
 31 ~~biennium because of the death, resignation, impeachment, etc., of a member,~~
 32 ~~shall be temporarily filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~
 33 ~~assigning the newly elected member, for the remainder of the biennium, to the~~
 34 ~~"A" and "B" standing committees, and the permanent subcommittees previously~~
 35 ~~held by their predecessor. At the end of the biennium, the temporary~~
 36 ~~positions held on the Class "A" and Class "B" standing committees and the~~

1 permanent subcommittees shall be declared vacant and available for selection
2 in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives. The newly
3 elected member does not automatically assume a chairmanship or vice-
4 chairmanship, which vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the
5 original appointment.

6 54.(a)-(4)(a)(6) A non-returning member of the House of Representatives
7 who has been assigned an office or other premises shall vacate the office or
8 other premises by December 15 following the General Election in the even-
9 numbered years; and, by the same date, a returning member shall be prepared
10 to vacate his or her assigned office or premises at the direction of the
11 Speaker.

12 54.(b) SELECT COMMITTEES

13 54.(b)(1) With the exception of the House Budget Committee, The the
14 Speaker shall appoint all members and all alternates on all House select
15 committees and all Joint Select Committees. The Speaker shall appoint ex-
16 officio members in accordance with the law.

17 54.(b)(2)(A) Selection of positions on the House Budget Committee
18 shall occur following the Class "A" standing committee and Class "B" standing
19 committee selections and in conjunction with selection of members for the
20 Legislative Council and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

21 (B) The most senior member of the House of Representatives
22 shall select first and shall choose a position on the House Budget Committee,
23 the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. The
24 next-senior member shall then choose a position on the House Budget
25 Committee, the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint Auditing
26 Committee. The seniority rotation procedure shall continue until the member
27 with the least seniority makes his or her selection or until all positions on
28 the House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint
29 Auditing Committee are filled.

30 (C) Alternate positions for the House Budget Committee,
31 the Legislative Council, and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee shall
32 be selected in the same manner as for regular members, with those not serving
33 as primary members on the House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, or
34 the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee going from most senior to least
35 senior to choose a committee on which to serve as an alternate.

36 54.(b)-(2)(b)(3) The House Budget Committee shall consist of six (6)

1 members of the House of Representatives and two (2) alternates ~~selected by~~
2 ~~the Speaker~~ from each House caucus district. At the time the alternates are
3 selected, one (1) shall be designated as first alternate and the other as
4 second alternate. The term of office of the members shall be from January 1
5 of odd-numbered years through December 31 of the following even-numbered
6 year. Vacancies in either a member or alternate member position shall be
7 filled in the same manner as the initial member or alternate member position
8 was filled. House Budget Committee membership shall be confirmed at the same
9 time that House members are administered the oath of office. Prior to
10 confirmation, however, members chosen to serve on the House Budget Committee
11 shall conduct pre-session budget hearings, either standing alone or in
12 conjunction with the Legislative Council.

13 54.~~(b)~~~~(3)~~~~(b)~~~~(4)~~ No member of the House of Representatives shall serve
14 on more than one (1) select committee. The Legislative Council, the
15 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the House Budget Committee, the House
16 Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, and the House
17 Management Committee are excluded therefrom.

18 54.(c)(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a
19 chairperson and a vice chairperson of each standing committee and each select
20 committee who shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives. The Speaker, in consultation with the chairperson of each
22 standing committee, shall appoint from the membership of each permanent
23 subcommittee, a chairperson and vice chairperson,—provided however that the
24 vice chairperson of the standing committee may be the chairperson of a
25 permanent subcommittee. No member of the House of Representatives, with the
26 exception of each House standing committee vice chairperson, shall be
27 chairperson or vice chairperson of more than one (1) standing committee,
28 select committee, or permanent subcommittee.

29 54.(c)(2) The rules or proceedings of the House of Representatives
30 shall be observed in all select committees, standing committees, and
31 subcommittees of the House of Representatives so far as they may be
32 applicable.

33 54.(c)(3) The House Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled
34 Bills shall serve as the supervisory committee over the preparation of the
35 Journal and engrossing and enrolling of bills.

36 54.(c)(4) After the membership of a standing committee or a permanent

1 subcommittee is established, no member shall be removed from any standing
 2 committee or any permanent subcommittee during the biennium for which he or
 3 she was selected. All ~~select-committee~~ appointees selected by the Speaker of
 4 the House of Representatives serve at his or her discretion.

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 6 SECTION 2. Rule 80 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the
 7 Ninety-Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is amended to read as
 8 follows:

9 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

10 80. Legislative Council.

11 80.(a)(1) ~~The Speaker shall select from each of the four (4) House~~
 12 ~~District Caucuses five (5) members to serve on the Legislative Council. The~~
 13 House of Representatives shall select twenty (20) members to serve on the
 14 Legislative Council, to include five (5) members from each of the four (4)
 15 House district caucuses, in the manner set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these
 16 rules.

17 80.(a)(2) The Speaker shall select one (1) of their number as
 18 Legislative Council co-chair and one (1) of their number as Legislative
 19 Council co-vice-chair. No more than two (2) members selected from each caucus
 20 shall reside within the same county. The term of office of the members shall
 21 be from January 1 of odd-numbered years to December 31 of the following even-
 22 numbered year. Legislative Council membership shall be confirmed at the same
 23 time that House members are administered the oath of office.

24 80.(b) In order that there may be no House vacancies on the Legislative
 25 Council at any time, at the time of selection of the House members to the
 26 Legislative Council, there shall be selected from each House Caucus District
 27 in the same manner as is set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules, a first
 28 alternate and a second alternate for each member selected from that district.
 29 In the event that any House member or House alternate of the Legislative
 30 Council resigns from the Legislative Council, is disqualified from serving on
 31 the Legislative Council, dies, or for any other reason there becomes a
 32 permanent vacancy in a House position on the Legislative Council, the Speaker
 33 of the House of Representatives shall select from the same House caucus
 34 district a replacement member or alternate to serve the remainder of the
 35 term. When a vacancy occurs in a House member position on the Legislative
 36 Council or a House alternate position on the Legislative Council, that

1 person's alternate shall serve until ~~the Speaker selects a replacement~~ a new
 2 member is chosen. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall notify
 3 the Legislative Council chairperson of all changes in membership on the
 4 Legislative Council.

5 80.(c) Ex-officio members shall be selected in accordance with ~~A.C.A.~~
 6 Arkansas Code § 10-3-301.

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 8 SECTION 3. Rule 81 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the
 9 Ninety-Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is amended to read as
 10 follows:

11 81. Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

12 81.(a) ~~The Speaker shall select from each of the four (4) House~~
 13 ~~District Caucuses five (5) members to serve on the Legislative Joint Auditing~~
 14 ~~Committee. The Speaker~~ The House of Representatives shall select twenty (20)
 15 members to serve on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, to include
 16 five (5) members from each of the four (4) House District Caucuses, in the
 17 manner set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules. Following the selections,
 18 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select one (1) of their
 19 number as Legislative Joint Auditing Committee co-chair and one (1) of their
 20 number as Legislative Joint Auditing Committee co-vice-chair. No more than
 21 two (2) members shall reside within the same county. The term of office of
 22 the members shall be from January 1 of odd-numbered years to December 31 of
 23 the following even-numbered year. Legislative Joint Auditing Committee
 24 membership shall be confirmed at the same time that House members are
 25 administered the oath of office.

26 81.(b) In order that there may be no House vacancies on the Legislative
 27 Joint Auditing Committee at any time, at the time of selection of the House
 28 members to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee there shall be selected,
 29 from each House Caucus District in the same manner as is set forth in Rule
 30 54.(b) of these rules, a first alternate and a second alternate for each
 31 member selected from that House caucus district ~~District~~. In the event that
 32 any House member or House alternate of the Legislative Joint Auditing
 33 Committee resigns from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, is
 34 disqualified from serving on the Committee, dies, or for any other reason
 35 there becomes a permanent vacancy in a House position on the Legislative
 36 Joint Auditing Committee, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall

1 select from the same House caucus district a replacement member or alternate
2 to serve the remainder of the term. When a vacancy occurs in a House member
3 position on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee or a House alternate
4 position on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, that person's alternate
5 shall serve until ~~the Speaker selects a replacement~~ a new member is chosen.
6 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall notify the Legislative
7 Joint Auditing Committee chairperson of all changes in membership on the
8 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

9 81.(c) Ex-officio members shall be selected in accordance with ~~A.C.A.~~
10 ~~10-3-403 thru 10-3-404~~ Arkansas Code §§ 10-3-403 and 10-3-404.

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