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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

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

7 (ii) After the member with the least seniority makes
8 his or her Class "A" standing committee selection, the most senior member
9 shall select his or her Class "B" standing committee. The seniority rotation
10 shall continue until the member with the least seniority selects his or her
11 Class "B" standing committee.

12 (C)(i) A member may trade a committee membership with
13 another member.

14 (ii) A trade of committee membership may only occur
15 within the twenty-four (24) hours immediately following the committee
16 selection process.

17 (iii) A trade of committee membership shall be in
18 writing and signed by the members who are trading their committee
19 memberships, the trading members' political caucus leaders, and the Speaker
20 of the House of Representatives.

21 (iv) Once completed, written and signed
22 documentation of the trade of committee membership shall filed in the House
23 Journal.

24 (D) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
25 select the date for the committee selection process in the House of
26 Representatives, which shall include selection of membership for Class "A"
27 and Class "B" standing committees, House Budget Committee, the Legislative
28 Council, and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

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

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

33 ~~54.(a)(2)(a)(4) Each standing committee shall consist of twenty (20)~~
34 ~~members. Each member of the House shall serve on two (2) standing committees,~~
35 ~~one (1) of which shall be a Class "A" committee and one (1) of which shall be~~
36 ~~a Class "B" committee. From within each standing committee there shall be~~

1 created three (3) permanent subcommittees consisting of eight (8) members.
2 Each member of the House of Representatives shall serve on two (2) permanent
3 subcommittees, one (1) from a Class "A" standing committee and one (1) from a
4 Class "B" standing committee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and
5 the chairperson of each standing committee shall jointly appoint from the
6 membership of the standing committee six (6) persons for each permanent
7 subcommittee available, provided further the chairperson and vice chairperson
8 of each standing committee shall be ex-officio, voting members of each
9 permanent subcommittee created from within their standing committee. The
10 permanent subcommittees of the standing committees may meet after having
11 first obtained prior approval of the standing committee chairperson.

12 54.~~(a)(3)~~(a)(5) There shall be no transfers from one standing committee
13 to another or from one permanent subcommittee to another during the biennium
14 following initial biennial appointment and ~~or~~ confirmation. After selection
15 of standing committee members and permanent subcommittee members, a vacancy
16 occurring on a standing committee or permanent subcommittee during the
17 biennium because of the death, resignation, impeachment, etc., of a member,
18 shall be temporarily filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
19 assigning the newly elected member, for the remainder of the biennium, to the
20 "A" and "B" standing committees, and the permanent subcommittees previously
21 held by their predecessor. At the end of the biennium, the temporary
22 positions held on the Class "A" and Class "B" standing committees and the
23 permanent subcommittees shall be declared vacant and available for selection
24 in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives. The newly
25 elected member does not automatically assume a chairmanship or vice-
26 chairmanship, which vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the
27 original appointment.

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

34 54.(b) SELECT COMMITTEES

35 54.(b)(1) With the exception of the House Budget Committee, The the
36 Speaker shall appoint all members and all alternates on all House select

1 committees and all Joint Select Committees. The Speaker shall appoint ex-
2 officio members in accordance with the law.

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

7 (B) The most senior member of the House of Representatives
8 shall select first and shall choose a position on the House Budget Committee,
9 the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. The
10 next-senior member shall then choose a position on the House Budget
11 Committee, the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint Auditing
12 Committee. The seniority rotation procedure shall continue until the member
13 with the least seniority makes his or her selection or until all positions on
14 the House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint
15 Auditing Committee are filled.

16 (C) Alternate positions for the House Budget Committee,
17 the Legislative Council, and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee shall
18 be selected in the same manner as for regular members, with those not serving
19 as primary members on the House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, or
20 the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee going from most senior to least
21 senior to choose a committee on which to serve as an alternate.

22 54.(b)(2)(b)(3) The House Budget Committee shall consist of six (6)
23 members of the House of Representatives and two (2) alternates selected by
24 the Speaker from each House caucus district. At the time the alternates are
25 selected, one (1) shall be designated as first alternate and the other as
26 second alternate. The term of office of the members shall be from January 1
27 of odd-numbered years through December 31 of the following even-numbered
28 year. Vacancies in either a member or alternate member position shall be
29 filled in the same manner as the initial member or alternate member position
30 was filled. House Budget Committee membership shall be confirmed at the same
31 time that House members are administered the oath of office. Prior to
32 confirmation, however, members chosen to serve on the House Budget Committee
33 shall conduct pre-session budget hearings, either standing alone or in
34 conjunction with the Legislative Council.

35 54.(b)(3)(b)(4) No member of the House of Representatives shall serve
36 on more than one (1) select committee. The Legislative Council, the

1 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the House Budget Committee, the House
2 Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, and the House
3 Management Committee are excluded therefrom.

4 54.(c)(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a
5 chairperson and a vice chairperson of each standing committee and each select
6 committee who shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives. The Speaker, in consultation with the chairperson of each
8 standing committee, shall appoint from the membership of each permanent
9 subcommittee, a chairperson and vice chairperson,—provided however that the
10 vice chairperson of the standing committee may be the chairperson of a
11 permanent subcommittee. No member of the House of Representatives, with the
12 exception of each House standing committee vice chairperson, shall be
13 chairperson or vice chairperson of more than one (1) standing committee,
14 select committee, or permanent subcommittee.

15 54.(c)(2) The rules or proceedings of the House of Representatives
16 shall be observed in all select committees, standing committees, and
17 subcommittees of the House of Representatives so far as they may be
18 applicable.

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

22 54.(c)(4) After the membership of a standing committee or a permanent
23 subcommittee is established, no member shall be removed from any standing
24 committee or any permanent subcommittee during the biennium for which he or
25 she was selected. All ~~select committee~~ appointees selected by the Speaker of
26 the House of Representatives serve at his or her discretion.

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

31 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

32 80. Legislative Council.

33 80.(a)(1) ~~The Speaker shall select from each of the four (4) House~~
34 ~~District Caucuses five (5) members to serve on the Legislative Council. The~~
35 House of Representatives shall select twenty (20) members to serve on the
36 Legislative Council, to include five (5) members from each of the four (4)

1 House district caucuses, in the manner set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these
2 rules.

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

10 80.(b) In order that there may be no House vacancies on the Legislative
11 Council at any time, at the time of selection of the House members to the
12 Legislative Council, there shall be selected from each House Caucus District
13 in the same manner as is set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules, a first
14 alternate and a second alternate for each member selected from that district.
15 In the event that any House member or House alternate of the Legislative
16 Council resigns from the Legislative Council, is disqualified from serving on
17 the Legislative Council, dies, or for any other reason there becomes a
18 permanent vacancy in a House position on the Legislative Council, the Speaker
19 of the House of Representatives shall select from the same House caucus
20 district a replacement member or alternate to serve the remainder of the
21 term. When a vacancy occurs in a House member position on the Legislative
22 Council or a House alternate position on the Legislative Council, that
23 person's alternate shall serve until ~~the Speaker selects a replacement~~ a new
24 member is chosen. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall notify
25 the Legislative Council chairperson of all changes in membership on the
26 Legislative Council.

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

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

33 81. Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

34 ~~81.(a) The Speaker shall select from each of the four (4) House~~
35 ~~District Caucuses five (5) members to serve on the Legislative Joint Auditing~~
36 ~~Committee. The Speaker~~ The House of Representatives shall select twenty (20)

1 members to serve on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, to include
2 five (5) members from each of the four (4) House District Caucuses, in the
3 manner set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules. Following the selections,
4 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select one (1) of their
5 number as Legislative Joint Auditing Committee co-chair and one (1) of their
6 number as Legislative Joint Auditing Committee co-vice-chair. No more than
7 two (2) members shall reside within the same county. The term of office of
8 the members shall be from January 1 of odd-numbered years to December 31 of
9 the following even-numbered year. Legislative Joint Auditing Committee
10 membership shall be confirmed at the same time that House members are
11 administered the oath of office.

12 81.(b) In order that there may be no House vacancies on the Legislative
13 Joint Auditing Committee at any time, at the time of selection of the House
14 members to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee there shall be selected,
15 from each House Caucus District in the same manner as is set forth in Rule
16 54.(b) of these rules, a first alternate and a second alternate for each
17 member selected from that House caucus district ~~District~~. In the event that
18 any House member or House alternate of the Legislative Joint Auditing
19 Committee resigns from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, is
20 disqualified from serving on the Committee, dies, or for any other reason
21 there becomes a permanent vacancy in a House position on the Legislative
22 Joint Auditing Committee, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
23 select from the same House caucus district a replacement member or alternate
24 to serve the remainder of the term. When a vacancy occurs in a House member
25 position on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee or a House alternate
26 position on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, that person's alternate
27 shall serve until ~~the Speaker selects a replacement~~ a new member is chosen.
28 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall notify the Legislative
29 Joint Auditing Committee chairperson of all changes in membership on the
30 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

31 81.(c) Ex-officio members shall be selected in accordance with ~~A.C.A.~~
32 ~~10-3-403 thru 10-3-404~~ Arkansas Code §§ 10-3-403 and 10-3-404.

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