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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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

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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND  
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Rule 54 of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-  
25 Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is amended to read as  
26 follows:

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

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



1 House district caucuses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 54.(b) SELECT COMMITTEES

36 54.(b)(1) With the exception of the House Budget Committee, The the

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

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

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

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

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

36 54.(b)(3)(b)(4) No member of the House of Representatives shall serve

1 on more than one (1) select committee. The Legislative Council, the  
2 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the House Budget Committee, the House  
3 Committee on the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, and the House  
4 Management Committee are excluded therefrom.

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

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

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

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

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

32 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

33 80. Legislative Council.

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

1 Legislative Council, to include five (5) members from each of the four (4)  
2 House district caucuses, in the manner set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these  
3 rules.

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

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

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

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

34 81. Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

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

1 ~~Committee. The Speaker~~ The House of Representatives shall select twenty (20)  
2 members to serve on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, to include  
3 five (5) members from each of the four (4) House District Caucuses, in the  
4 manner set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules. Following the selections,  
5 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select one (1) of their  
6 number as Legislative Joint Auditing Committee co-chair and one (1) of their  
7 number as Legislative Joint Auditing Committee co-vice-chair. No more than  
8 two (2) members shall reside within the same county. The term of office of  
9 the members shall be from January 1 of odd-numbered years to December 31 of  
10 the following even-numbered year. Legislative Joint Auditing Committee  
11 membership shall be confirmed at the same time that House members are  
12 administered the oath of office.

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

32       81.(c) Ex-officio members shall be selected in accordance with ~~A.C.A.~~  
33 ~~10-3-403 thru 10-3-404~~ Arkansas Code §§ 10-3-403 and 10-3-404.

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