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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY; AND TO AMEND THE RULES REGARDING SELECTION  
11 OF MEMBERS FOR HOUSE 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. Section 54 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of  
24 the Ninety-Second General Assembly is amended to read as follows:

25 54.(a) STANDING COMMITTEES

26 54.(a)(1) ~~The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select~~  
27 ~~from each of the four (4) House District Caucuses five (5) members for each~~  
28 ~~“A” standing committee and five (5) members for each “B” standing committee.~~  
29 Selection of membership positions on House committees for members-elect shall  
30 take place during the caucus of the entire House of Representatives-elect on  
31 the first Friday following the November General Election.

32 54.(a)(2) Each Class “A” standing committee and Class “B” standing  
33 committee shall consist of twenty (20) members, with five (5) members from  
34 each of the four (4) House district caucuses. Members of the standing  
35 committees shall be selected as follows:

36 (A) The most senior member of the House of Representatives



1 shall select first and shall choose a position on a Class "A" standing  
2 committee. The next-senior member shall then choose a position on a Class  
3 "A" standing committee. The seniority rotation procedure shall continue  
4 until the member with the least seniority makes his or her selection.

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

10 54.(a)(3) Each member of the House shall serve on two (2) standing  
11 committees, one (1) of which shall be a Class "A" committee and one (1) of  
12 which shall be a Class "B" committee.

13 54.(a)(4)(A) The Speaker of the House shall have final approval  
14 authority of all committee memberships subsequent to selection by the  
15 members-elect.

16 (B) The Speaker shall have the authority to make adjustments to  
17 committee membership following the committee selection process for the  
18 purpose of adjusting the majority party to minority party ratio on the  
19 standing committees.

20 54.(a)(5) From within each standing committee there shall be created  
21 three (3) permanent subcommittees consisting of eight (8) members. Each  
22 member of the House shall serve on two (2) permanent subcommittees, one (1)  
23 from a Class "A" standing committee and one (1) from a Class "B" standing  
24 committee. The Speaker and the chairperson of each standing committee shall  
25 jointly appoint from the membership of the standing committee six (6) persons  
26 for each permanent subcommittee available, provided further the chairperson  
27 and vice chairperson of each standing committee shall be ex-officio, voting  
28 members of each permanent subcommittee created from within their standing  
29 committee. The permanent subcommittees of the standing committees may meet  
30 after having first obtained prior approval of the standing committee  
31 chairperson.

32 54.(a)(6) Standing committee membership shall be confirmed at the same  
33 time that representatives are administered the oath of office.

34 54.(a)(~~3~~)(7) There shall be no transfers from one standing committee  
35 to another or from one permanent subcommittee to another during the biennium  
36 following initial biennial appointment ~~and~~ or confirmation.

1 p 54.(a)(8) After selection of standing committee members and permanent  
2 subcommittee members, a vacancy occurring on a standing committee or  
3 permanent subcommittee during the biennium because of the death, resignation,  
4 impeachment, etc., of a member, shall be temporarily filled by the Speaker of  
5 the House assigning the newly elected member, for the remainder of the  
6 biennium, to the "A" and "B" standing committees, and the permanent  
7 subcommittees previously held by their predecessor. The newly elected member  
8 does not automatically assume a chairmanship or vice-chairmanship, which  
9 vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

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

16 54.(b) SELECT COMMITTEES

17 54.(b)(1) The Speaker shall appoint all members and all alternates on  
18 all House select committees and all Joint Select Committees except the Joint  
19 Budget Committee or the House Budget Committee. The Speaker shall appoint ex-  
20 officio members in accordance with the law.

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

25 (B) The most senior member of the House of Representatives  
26 shall select first and shall choose a primary or alternate position on the  
27 House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, or the Legislative Joint  
28 Auditing Committee. The next-senior member shall then choose a primary or  
29 alternate position on the House Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, or  
30 the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. The seniority rotation procedure  
31 shall continue until the member with the least seniority has made his or her  
32 selection or until all primary and alternate positions on the House Budget  
33 Committee, the Legislative Council, and the Legislative Joint Auditing  
34 Committee are filled.

35 54.(b)(3) The House Budget Committee shall consist of six (6) members  
36 of the House of Representatives and two (2) alternates ~~selected by the~~

1 ~~Speaker~~ from each caucus district. Membership selection shall take place on  
2 the first Friday following the November General Election. At the time the  
3 alternates are selected, one (1) shall be designated as first alternate and  
4 the other as second alternate.

5 54.(b)(4)(A) The Speaker of the House shall have final approval  
6 authority of all committee memberships subsequent to selection by the  
7 members-elect.

8 (B) The Speaker shall have the authority to make adjustments to  
9 committee membership following the committee selection process for the  
10 purpose of adjusting the majority party to minority party ratio on the House  
11 Budget Committee, the Legislative Council, and the Legislative Joint Auditing  
12 Committee.

13 54.(b)(5) House Budget Committee membership shall be confirmed at the  
14 same time that representatives are administered the oath of office.

15 54.(b)(6) The term of office of the members shall be from January 1 of  
16 odd-numbered years through December 31 of the following even-numbered year.  
17 Vacancies in either a member or alternate member position shall be filled in  
18 the same manner as the initial member or alternate member position was  
19 filled.

20 54.(b)(~~3~~)(7) No member of the House of Representatives shall serve on  
21 more than one (1) select committee. The Legislative Council, the Legislative  
22 Joint Auditing Committee, the House Budget Committee, the House Committee on  
23 the Journal; Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, and the House Management Committee  
24 are excluded therefrom.

25 54.(c)(1) The Speaker of the House shall appoint a chairperson and a  
26 vice chairperson of each standing committee and each select committee who  
27 shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Speaker, in consultation  
28 with the chairperson of each standing committee, shall appoint from the  
29 membership of each permanent subcommittee, a chairperson and vice  
30 chairperson, provided however that the vice chairperson of the standing  
31 committee may be the chairperson of a permanent subcommittee. No member of  
32 the House of Representatives, with the exception of each House standing  
33 committee vice chairperson, shall be chairperson or vice chairperson of more  
34 than one (1) standing committee, select committee, or permanent subcommittee.

35 54.(c)(2) The rules or proceedings of the House of Representatives  
36 shall be observed in all select committees, standing committees, and

1 subcommittees of the House of Representatives so far as they may be  
2 applicable.

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

6 54.(c)(4) After the membership of a standing committee or a permanent  
7 subcommittee is established, no member shall be removed from any standing  
8 committee or any permanent subcommittee during the biennium for which he or  
9 she was selected. All ~~select committee~~ appointees selected by the Speaker  
10 serve at his or her discretion.

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12 SECTION 2. Section 80 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of  
13 the Ninety-Second General Assembly is amended to read as follows:

14 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

15 80. Legislative Council.

16 80.(a) ~~The Speaker shall select from each of the four (4) House~~  
17 ~~District Caucuses five (5) members to serve on the Legislative Council~~ In  
18 addition to ex officio members, the Legislative Council shall have  
19 twenty (20) members of the House of Representatives, to consist of five (5)  
20 members from each of the four (4) House caucus districts. The Speaker shall  
21 ~~select one (1) of their number as Legislative Council co-chair and one (1) of~~  
22 ~~their number as Legislative Council co-vice-chair.~~ No more than two (2)  
23 members selected from each caucus district shall reside within the same  
24 county.

25 80.(b) The Speaker shall select one (1) of their number as Legislative  
26 Council cochair and one (1) of their number as Legislative Council vice-  
27 chair.

28 80.(c) Membership selection for the Legislative Council shall take  
29 place on the first Friday following the November General Election in the same  
30 manner as is set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules.

31 80.(d)(1) The Speaker shall have final approval authority of  
32 membership on the Legislative Council.

33 (2) The Speaker shall have the authority to make adjustments to  
34 committee membership following the committee selection process for the  
35 purpose of adjusting the majority party to minority party ratio on the  
36 Legislative Council.

1        80.(e) The term of office of the members shall be from January 1 of  
 2 odd-numbered years to December 31 of the following even-numbered year.

3        ~~80.(b)(f)~~ In order that there may be no House vacancies on the  
 4 Legislative Council at any time, at the time of selection of the House  
 5 members to the Legislative Council there shall be selected from each ~~Caucus~~  
 6 ~~District~~ caucus district a first alternate and a second alternate for each  
 7 member selected from that caucus district. In the event that any House  
 8 member or House alternate of the Legislative Council resigns from the  
 9 Legislative Council, is disqualified from serving on the Legislative Council,  
 10 dies, or for any other reason there becomes a permanent vacancy in a House  
 11 position on the Legislative Council, the ~~Speaker~~ House members of the caucus  
 12 district from which the member or alternate was selected shall select from  
 13 the same caucus district a replacement member or alternate to serve the  
 14 remainder of the term. When a vacancy occurs in a House member position on  
 15 the Legislative Council or a House alternate position on the Legislative  
 16 Council, that person's alternate shall serve until a signed report from the  
 17 caucus district chair designating otherwise is filed with the Speaker ~~selects~~  
 18 ~~a replacement~~. The Speaker shall notify the Legislative Council chairperson  
 19 of all changes in membership on the Legislative Council.

20        ~~80.(e)(g)~~ Ex-officio members shall be selected in accordance with  
 21 ~~A.C.A.~~ Arkansas Code § 10-3-301.

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 23        SECTION 3. Section 81 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of  
 24 the Ninety-Second General Assembly is amended to read as follows:

25        81. Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

26        ~~81.(a) The Speaker shall select from each of the four (4) House~~  
 27 ~~District Caucuses five (5) members to serve on the Legislative Joint Auditing~~  
 28 ~~Committee~~ In addition to ex officio members, the Legislative Joint Auditing  
 29 Committee shall have twenty (20) members of the House of Representatives, to  
 30 consist of five (5) members from each of the four (4) House caucus districts.  
 31 ~~The Speaker shall select one (1) of their number as Legislative Joint~~  
 32 ~~Auditing Committee co chair and one (1) of their number as Legislative Joint~~  
 33 ~~Auditing Committee co vice chair.~~ No more than two (2) members shall reside  
 34 within the same county.

35        81.(b) The Speaker shall select one (1) of their number as Legislative  
 36 Joint Auditing Committee cochair and one (1) of their number as Legislative

1 Joint Auditing Committee vice-chair.

2 81.(c) Membership selection for the Legislative Joint Auditing  
 3 Committee shall take place on the first Friday following the November General  
 4 Election in the same manner as is set forth in Rule 54.(b) of these rules.

5 81.(d)(1) The Speaker shall have final approval authority of  
 6 membership on the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

7 (2) The Speaker shall have the authority to make adjustments to  
 8 committee membership following the committee selection process for the  
 9 purpose of adjusting the majority party to minority party ratio on the  
 10 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

11 81.(e) The term of office of the members shall be from January 1 of  
 12 odd-numbered years to December 31 of the following even-numbered year.

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

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

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