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## 7 HOUSE RESOLUTION

8 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
9 THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO REQUIRE THAT  
10 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECT A  
11 MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS A  
12 DESIGNATED SURVIVOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### 14 Subtitle

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17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Section 11. of the Rules of the House of Representatives,  
25 concerning the duties of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, is  
26 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 11.(r)(1)(A) Appoint, before any joint meeting of the House of  
28 Representatives and the Senate at which all members of the General Assembly  
29 and the constitutional officers are invited, a member of the House of  
30 Representatives to serve as the designated survivor.

31 (B) As used in this subsection, "designated survivor"  
32 means a member of the House of Representatives who will succeed to the office  
33 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and in whom all powers,  
34 duties, and emoluments of the office of the Speaker of the House of  
35 Representatives shall be bestowed in case of the death, illness, incapacity,  
36 or other inability to serve of the Speaker of the House of Representatives



1 and a majority of the members of the House of Representatives.

2 (C) In case of the death, illness, incapacity, or other  
3 inability to serve of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and a  
4 majority of the members of the House of Representatives, the designated  
5 survivor shall serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives until the  
6 inability of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve is removed  
7 or another individual is elected and qualified to the office of the Speaker  
8 of the House of Representatives.

9 (D) A member selected to be the designated survivor shall  
10 meet the following eligibility requirements:

11 (i) Have a seniority ranking in the top one third  
12 (1/3) of the House of Representatives; and

13 (ii) Meet all qualifications to serve as Governor  
14 under Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 5.

15 (2)(A) On the day of the joint meeting, the designated survivor  
16 shall remove himself or herself from the State Capitol Building at least  
17 thirty (30) minutes before the start of the joint meeting to a location at  
18 least five (5) miles away from the State Capitol Building and shall not  
19 return to the State Capitol Building until at least thirty (30) minutes after  
20 the conclusion of the joint meeting.

21 (B)(i) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
22 notify the Division of Emergency Management of the appointment of the  
23 designated survivor and work with the division on selection of an appropriate  
24 location for the designated survivor during the joint meeting.

25 (ii) The location of the designated survivor on the  
26 day of the joint meeting shall not be the designated survivor's place of  
27 residence.

28 (3)(A) If attendance is taken at the joint meeting, the  
29 designated survivor shall be announced and counted as present at the joint  
30 meeting and any other meeting of a legislative body of which he or she is a  
31 member that is held on the day of the joint meeting.

32 (B) The designated survivor shall count towards a quorum  
33 at any meeting of a legislative body of which he or she is a member that is  
34 held on the day of the joint meeting.

35 (C) The designated survivor is eligible for mileage and  
36 per diem related to his or her service as the designated survivor.

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