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HR 1022

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5 By: Representative McKenzie
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND THE
10 PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF THE SPEAKER-DESIGNATE; AND
11 TO REQUIRE THE VOTE FOR SPEAKER-DESIGNATE BE A
12 PUBLIC, ROLL CALL VOTE.
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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Section 10.(a)(1) of the Rules of the House of
25 Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly, concerning the
26 selection process for the Speaker-designate, is amended to read as follows:

27 10.(a)(1) A caucus of the entire House of Representatives shall be
28 held fifteen (15) minutes following sine die adjournment of the fiscal
29 session held in each even-numbered year, at which time the members of the
30 House shall select by ~~secret ballot~~ a roll call vote a member of the House to
31 be known as the Speaker-designate. Each candidate for Speaker-designate
32 shall be allowed fifteen (15) minutes to address the House before the ~~ballot~~
33 roll call vote is taken. All members are required to be present for the
34 addresses and for the election. In the event a member is unable to attend,
35 absentee ballots may be requested by a member for ~~himself/herself~~ himself or
36 herself from the Speaker's Office no sooner than twenty (20) calendar days



1 prior to the scheduled election and must be completed and returned to the
2 Speaker's Office no later than four p.m. (4:00 p.m.) the day before the
3 scheduled election. Each member's absentee vote shall be read across the
4 Speaker's desk upon the reading of the absent member's name during the roll
5 call vote. It is the intent of the Speaker's office to accommodate any and
6 all members for Speaker-designate voting, should a member have a documented
7 emergency arise, the Speaker may direct staff to allow for absentee voting up
8 to two (2) hours prior to the scheduled election. Leave for absence shall be
9 requested immediately before the time of the election. The Speaker shall
10 announce the name and number of votes received by ~~the candidate who received~~
11 ~~at least a majority of the votes of the membership of the House~~ each
12 candidate following the roll call vote. ~~Each candidate shall be entitled to~~
13 ~~verify the number of votes he or she received.~~

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15 SECTION 2. Section 10.(a)(3) of the Rules of the House of
16 Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly, concerning the process
17 for a run-off election for the Speaker-designate, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 10.(a)(3) If no candidate receives a majority vote of the membership
20 of the House of Representatives, the members of the House of Representatives
21 shall cast votes by roll call in a run-off election between ~~names of the two~~
22 (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast ~~shall be placed on~~
23 ~~a run-off ballot and distributed among the membership of the House of~~
24 ~~Representatives~~ in the same manner provided in Section 10.(a)(1) of these
25 rules above.

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27 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution is effective immediately
28 upon adoption by the House of Representatives.