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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 TO ADOPT THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
9 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO ADOPT THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE  
15 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
20 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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22 JOINT RULES  
23 OF THE  
24 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
25 AND THE SENATE

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27 Joint Session - How Convened

28 Section 1. When, by the Constitution or laws of the state, a joint  
29 meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives is required, they shall  
30 assemble with their clerks on the day and at the hour previously agreed on  
31 for that purpose in the hall of the House of Representatives.

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33 Officers of Joint Session

34 Section 2. When the meeting is assembled, the President of the Senate  
35 and Speaker of the House shall preside in conjunction, and the meeting shall  
36 be governed by such standing rules as shall have been adopted for that



1 purpose by the concurrence of both houses. They shall have power to punish  
2 any person, other than a member, for disorderly or contemptuous behavior in  
3 their presence, by fine and imprisonment, in the same manner and to the same  
4 extent as either house may do, for like conduct before it, by the  
5 Constitution and laws of this state.

6 (A) Any member of either house who shall be guilty of  
7 disorderly behavior in the presence of the meeting may be punished by the  
8 house of which he or she is a member, in the same manner as if the offense  
9 had been committed in the presence of that house.

10 (B) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House  
11 shall both keep records of the proceedings, to be entered on the Journal of  
12 their respective houses.

#### 13 Manner of Presenting Bills, Etc.

14 Section 3. All bills, resolutions, votes and amendments by either  
15 house, to which the concurrence of both is necessary, as well as messages,  
16 shall be presented to the other by the Clerk or Secretary of the house from  
17 which they are sent or by the assistant secretary or assistant clerk.  
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#### 19 Contents of Bills

20 Section 4. No bill or resolution shall be passed by either house  
21 containing more than one subject, which shall be expressed in the title.  
22 House bills and resolutions shall have at least one House sponsor, and Senate  
23 bills and resolutions shall have at least one Senate Sponsor. House bills,  
24 House concurrent resolutions, and House joint resolutions may have Senate  
25 sponsors, and Senate bills, Senate concurrent resolutions, and Senate joint  
26 resolutions may have House sponsors.  
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#### 28 Notice of Bill Rejection

29 Section 5. When a bill or resolution which has passed one house shall  
30 be rejected by the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which  
31 the same shall have passed.  
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#### 33 Engrossment of Bills

34 Section 6. After adoption of an amendment on the floor of the Senate,  
35 regardless whether the bill or resolution originated in the House or the  
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1 Senate, the Senate shall engross the bill or resolution as amended. After  
2 the adoption of the amendment on the floor of the House of Representatives,  
3 regardless whether the bill or resolution originated in the House or the  
4 Senate, the House of Representatives shall engross the bill or resolution as  
5 amended.

6 This rule may be waived by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or  
7 in his absence the Chairman of Senate Rules Committee, or the Speaker of the  
8 House of Representatives.

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#### Enrollment of Bills

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Section 7. When a bill shall have passed both houses, it shall be  
12 enrolled by the enrolling clerk of the house in which it originated.

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Section 8. All bills must be enrolled and reported to each house by  
15 the committee designated by each house to supervise the enrolling of bills,  
16 within three (3) days after their passage; provided, that if the  
17 reconsideration of any bill is moved, in either house, previous to its  
18 presentation to the Governor, the committee shall hold the same until action  
is taken upon such motion.

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Section 9. No bill, resolution, or memorial shall be sent to the  
21 Governor for his approval, unless the same shall have been clearly and fairly  
enrolled without obliteration or interlineation.

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#### Signing of Bills

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Section 10. After examination and report by the committee responsible  
26 for enrolling bills, each bill shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives and by the President of the Senate. Each page of a bill  
27 shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the right  
28 margin, and shall be signed by the President of the Senate on the left margin  
29 of each page. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
30 of the Senate shall manually sign each page of each bill, or may provide, at  
31 their option and under their supervision, for the affixing thereto of their  
32 facsimile signature in the manner and procedure provided by Act 69 of 1959.  
33 (Arkansas Code §§ 21-10-101 thru 21-10-106)

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#### Announcement of Message

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Section 11. When the Secretary of the Senate or Chief Clerk of the

1 House, or either of the assistants, shall wait upon the other house, notice  
2 thereof shall be given to the President or Speaker of the House by the  
3 Sergeant at Arms, or Assistant Sergeant at Arms, who shall declare the same,  
4 and a copy of the message to be laid on the table of the clerk or secretary.  
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#### 6 Bills Passed by the Other House

7 Section 12. Tuesday and Friday of each week are hereby set apart in  
8 each house for the special and exclusive consideration of bills and  
9 resolutions, which may have been passed by the other house, and the  
10 consideration of such bills and resolutions shall take precedence over all  
11 the other business on these days immediately after the expiration of one (1)  
12 hour after the house shall be called to order by the presiding officer;  
13 provided, that the reading of the Journal shall be completed in any event.  
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#### 15 Conference Committee

16 Section 13. When either body shall request a conference, and appoint a  
17 committee for that purpose, the other body shall also appoint a committee of  
18 equal number to confer, and such conference shall be held at any time and  
19 place agreed upon by the Chairpersons.  
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#### 21 Suspension of Joint Rules

22 Section 14. No joint rules shall be dispensed with but by a concurrent  
23 vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each house, and if either house shall violate a  
24 joint rule, the question of order may be raised in the other house, and  
25 decided in the same manner as in case of a violation of the rules of such  
26 house.  
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#### 28 Appropriation Bills

29 Section 15. The general appropriation bill, and all appropriation  
30 bills recommended "do pass" by the Joint Budget Committee, shall be  
31 privileged bills advanced upon the calendar, and take precedence over all  
32 other bills at any time after the reading of the Journal. It shall be in  
33 order, by the direction of the appropriate committee, to move that the House  
34 or Senate (as the case may be) resolve itself into the committee of the whole  
35 house for the purpose of considering the general appropriation bill, and no  
36 dilatory motion shall be entertained by the presiding officer.

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Deadline for the Introduction of Bills

Section 16. (A) An "appropriation bill" means a bill by the General Assembly that authorizes the expenditure of moneys if moneys are available.

(B)(1) No appropriation bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house; and, no other bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifty-fifth (55th) day of a regular session, except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house. When the filing deadline for any bills or resolutions ends on Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is hereby extended until the close of business the following Monday.

(2) Any proposed legislation affecting any publicly supported retirement system or pension plan to be considered by the General Assembly at a regular session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during the first fifteen (15) calendar days of a regular session.

(3) No such bill shall be introduced after the fifteenth (15th) day of a regular session unless its introduction is first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each house of the General Assembly.

(C)(1) No appropriation bill shall be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifteenth (15th) day of a fiscal session except upon consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house.

(2) *For a fiscal session, a non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction until ~~a concurrent resolution~~ identical resolutions authorizing the introduction of the non-appropriation bill ~~has~~ have been approved by a an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house ~~and the concurrent resolution becomes effective.~~*

(3) *~~A concurrent resolution~~ The identical resolutions authorizing the introduction of a non-appropriation bill in a fiscal session shall not be filed for introduction in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of a fiscal session.*

(4) A non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction

1 in either the House of Representatives or the Senate later than the fifteenth  
2 (15th) day of a fiscal session.

3 (D) When the filing deadline for any bills or resolutions  
4 ends on Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is extended until the close of  
5 business the following Monday.

6 (E) A bill affecting any publicly supported retirement  
7 system or systems shall not be introduced or considered at any special  
8 session of the General Assembly unless the introduction and consideration of  
9 the bill is first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full  
10 membership of each house of the General Assembly. (Arkansas Code § 10-2-115).

11 (F) If the General Assembly recesses for longer than three  
12 (3) consecutive days during the first fifteen (15) days of a regular session,  
13 the fifteen-day introduction deadline shall be extended for a time period  
14 equal to the recess.

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#### 16 Introduction of Health Care Legislation

17 Section 17. (A) Any proposed legislation affecting the licensure of  
18 any profession, occupation, or class of health care providers not currently  
19 licensed, or expanding the scope of practice of any profession, occupation,  
20 or class of health care providers to be considered by the General Assembly at  
21 a regular biennial session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during  
22 the first fifteen (15) calendar days of a regular biennial session.

23 (B) No such bill shall be introduced after the fifteenth  
24 (15th) day of a regular biennial session unless its introduction is first  
25 approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each house  
26 of the General Assembly.

27 (C) The Senate and the House, and committees of the Senate  
28 and House, shall take no action on any such bill for an additional fifteen  
29 (15) calendar days after the fifteen (15) calendar day deadline for  
30 introduction of such bills has passed.

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#### 32 Method of Preparing Bills

##### 33 and Resolutions - Automated Bill Preparation System

34 Section 18. (A) No bill or resolution, as defined herein, shall be  
35 accepted for introduction by clerks of the Senate or of the House of  
36 Representatives unless such bill or resolution has been prepared for

1 introduction by an automated bill preparation system developed by the Bureau  
2 of Legislative Research.

3 (1) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall establish and  
4 operate, in cooperation with the appropriate officials of the House of  
5 Representatives and the Senate, an automated bill preparation system in which  
6 all bills and resolutions, as defined herein, shall be prepared for  
7 introduction. Such system shall be designed in a manner which will permit  
8 either or both houses of the General Assembly to install compatible and  
9 interconnecting electronic equipment for the preparation of bills and  
10 resolutions in the same format as prepared by the Bureau of Legislative  
11 Research for introduction in either house of the General Assembly.

12 (2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide the  
13 Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
14 access by electronic medium to the central bill files in which bills and  
15 resolutions recorded in the automated bill preparation system are stored, to  
16 enable the engrossing rooms of the respective houses to have ready access  
17 thereto for enrollment of engrossed amendments adopted to such bills and  
18 resolutions.

19 (3) As used herein:

20 (a) "resolutions" shall mean all resolutions prepared for  
21 introduction which require the concurrence of both houses of the General  
22 Assembly for the adoption thereof, and shall include resolutions prepared for  
23 consideration by only the house in which introduced;

24 (b) "automated bill preparation system" shall mean an  
25 automated system using word processors, computers, or other electronic  
26 devices for the typing and preparation of bills and resolutions (as defined  
27 herein) for introduction by members of the General Assembly in either the  
28 Senate or the House of Representatives, and shall include the following  
29 features:

30 (i) a separate identification number, to be placed  
31 upon each page of the original and each copy thereof prepared for  
32 introduction in the General Assembly;

33 (ii) a method of electronically recording the  
34 contents of each bill and resolution for ready access for retrieval and  
35 engrossment purposes;

36 (iii) security features to protect the automated

1 bill preparation files from access by unauthorized persons, and to maintain  
2 the integrity and confidentiality of drafts of bills and resolutions prepared  
3 by the Bureau of Legislative Research for members of the General Assembly  
4 which have not been filed for introduction; and

5 (iv) such other features as deemed to be necessary  
6 and advisable by the Bureau of Legislative Research after consulting with the  
7 appropriate officials of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

8 (B) All bills and resolutions introduced in the House and  
9 Senate shall be prepared on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. A computer generated  
10 original and eight (8) copies of the bill or resolution, or a photocopy of an  
11 original computer generated copy with eight (8) additional copies thereof,  
12 shall be prepared for introduction. The original computer generated copy  
13 shall be placed in the manuscript cover provided for the official copy of  
14 bills or resolutions and a photocopy of the computer generated original shall  
15 be placed in the manuscript cover provided for the duplicate copy, with the  
16 eight (8) copies thereof to be attached thereto in such manner as may be  
17 prescribed by the respective houses. In addition, eight (8) copies of the  
18 caption on each bill or resolution shall be prepared and attached thereto at  
19 the time of introduction.

20 (C) Upon the introduction of each bill and resolution, the  
21 appropriate clerks of the respective houses shall cause the original signed  
22 copy thereof (which is contained in the official bill or resolution  
23 manuscript cover) to be identified as the official copy by perforation or  
24 stamping on the left margin of each page thereof the words "HOUSE ORIGINAL"  
25 to be placed on each official original copy of House bills and resolutions,  
26 and the words "SENATE ORIGINAL" to be placed on the left margin of each  
27 official original copy of Senate bills and resolutions. Whenever any bill or  
28 resolution is amended, the engrossed page or pages thereof shall be  
29 perforated in the same manner as the original introduced copy. Only the  
30 original signed copy of a bill or resolution and engrossed pages thereof  
31 shall be perforated or stamped as provided herein.

32 (D) If any person shall unlawfully perforate any  
33 fraudulent or counterfeit copy of any bill or resolution for the purpose of  
34 intentionally inserting in any bill or resolution any page or provision  
35 thereof for the purpose of altering the bill or resolution as introduced,  
36 such person shall be in contempt of the House or Senate, or both House and



1 Senate, and shall be punished accordingly. If any person shall make any  
2 alteration, change or erasure in any original copy of a bill or resolution as  
3 originally introduced, except upon direction of the House or Senate, or both  
4 House and Senate, or upon direction of the appropriate committees on  
5 engrossed or enrolled bills, such person shall be in contempt of the House or  
6 Senate, or both of them and shall be punished accordingly. In addition, such  
7 person shall be subject to such fine and imprisonment as may be imposed by  
8 the laws of this State for fraud.

9 (E)(1) Only bills and amendments to bills which meet the  
10 requirements of this subsection (E) may be introduced into the Senate or the  
11 House of Representatives.

12 (2) Except as provided in subsections (E)(5), (6) and (8), all  
13 bills and amendments to bills shall reflect the changes proposed in the  
14 existing law by:

15 (a) over striking all language of the existing law which  
16 is proposed to be deleted; and

17 (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to  
18 the existing law. At the top of the first page of the bill shall appear  
19 language substantially similar to the following: "Stricken language would be  
20 deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present  
21 law."

22 (3) Except as provided in subsections (E)(5), (6) and (8), all  
23 resolutions proposing amendments to the Arkansas Constitution and amendments  
24 to resolutions shall reflect the changes proposed in the existing  
25 Constitution by:

26 (a) over striking all language of the existing  
27 Constitution which is proposed to be deleted; and

28 (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to  
29 the existing Constitution. At the top of the first page of the bill shall  
30 appear language substantially similar to the following: "Stricken language  
31 would be deleted from the present Constitution. Underlined language would be  
32 added to present Constitution."

33 (4) Except as provided in subsections (E)(5), (6) and (8), all  
34 resolutions proposing changes in the rules of the Senate or House or the  
35 joint rules of the Senate and House shall reflect the changes proposed in the  
36 existing rule by:

1 (a) over striking all language of the existing rule which  
2 is proposed to be deleted; and

3 (b) underlining all new language proposed to be added to  
4 the existing rule. At the top of the first page of the resolution shall  
5 appear language substantially similar to the following: "Stricken language  
6 would be deleted from present rule. Underlined language would be added to  
7 present rule."

8 (5) This subsection (E) may be waived by the President Pro  
9 Tempore of the Senate or in his absence, the Chairman of the Senate Rules  
10 Committee, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

11 (6) Markups are not required of the following:

12 (a) appropriation sections, state agencies regular salary  
13 sections, and state agencies extra help sections contained within a bill if  
14 the sections do not specifically amend existing law;

15 (b) sections which allocate funds within the Revenue  
16 Stabilization Law or within the General Improvement Fund Distribution Law;  
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18 (c) sections which amend Arkansas Code §§ 21-5-208(b) and  
19 21-5-209(e).

20 (7) It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Joint Budget  
21 Committee to have a schedule prepared which reflects the amounts approved by  
22 the Joint Budget Committee for each category for each fund within the Revenue  
23 Stabilization Law to provide funding for the budget enacted by the General  
24 Assembly and a schedule reflecting the proposed distribution of General  
25 Improvement funds. The schedule reflecting the allocation of funds in the  
26 Revenue Stabilization Law for the next fiscal year shall be submitted to each  
27 body of the Arkansas General Assembly at least three (3) days prior to the  
28 day at which the same is to be considered for final passage. The schedule  
29 reflecting the allocation of funds in the General Improvement Fund  
30 Distribution Law for the next biennium shall be submitted to each body of the  
31 Arkansas General Assembly at least three (3) days prior to the day at which  
32 the same is to be considered for final passage.

33 (8) Markups are not required on sections that are substantially  
34 the same as the following boiler-plate sections:

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36 "SECTION. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

1 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
2 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
3 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
4 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
5 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure  
6 Restrictions Act, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the  
7 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
8 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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10 SECTION. EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in  
11 this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment  
12 for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in  
13 writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the  
14 required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the  
15 required legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall determine  
16 that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal  
17 services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the agency and may  
18 authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies  
19 appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations thereof, if:

20 (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing,  
21 that such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

22 (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment  
23 of the legal counsel to be retained by the agency.

24 Such certification shall be required with respect to each  
25 instance of the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required  
26 annually with respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy  
27 of such certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency,  
28 and shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.

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30 SECTION. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
31 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
32 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
33 therefore as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
34 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
35 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
36 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State

1 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
2 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
3 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
4 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
5 ~~be~~ not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this Act.

6 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the  
7 State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law,  
8 the Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
9 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
10 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
11 disbursement of any funds provided by this Act unless specifically provided  
12 otherwise by law.

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14 SECTION. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
15 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
16 in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act  
17 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
18 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
19 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
20 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
21 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and  
22 adoption.

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24 ~~SECTION. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of law in conflict with~~  
25 ~~this act are hereby repealed."~~

26 Section 19. (A) Once a Senate bill has passed the House of  
27 Representatives and returned to the Senate, it may not be subsequently  
28 amended in the Senate unless the House expunges the vote by which it passed  
29 the bill and any amendments to the bill and the Senate expunges the vote by  
30 which the bill was passed and places the bill on second reading.

31 (B) Once a House bill has passed the Senate and has been  
32 returned to the House, it may not be subsequently amended in the House unless  
33 the Senate expunges the vote by which it passed the bill and any amendments  
34 to the bill and the House expunges the vote by which the bill was passed and  
35 places the bill on second reading.

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## 1 Submission of Bills to Governor

2 Section 20. Whenever any Senate bill shall be approved by the House of  
3 Representatives and enrolled by the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate or  
4 one of his or her authorized agents shall without delay, deliver the same to  
5 the Governor or his or her designated representative and take receipt  
6 thereof, which receipt shall be returned to the Senate and entered in the  
7 Journal. Whenever any House bill shall be approved by the Senate and  
8 enrolled by the House, the Chief Clerk of the House or one of his or her  
9 authorized agents shall, without delay, deliver the same to the Governor or  
10 his or her designated representative and take receipt thereof, which receipt  
11 shall be returned to the House and entered in the Journal. In the event the  
12 Governor, or his or her designated representative, shall refuse to accept  
13 delivery of any such bill, the Secretary of the Senate, or the Chief Clerk of  
14 the House, or their designated agents, as the case may be, shall forthwith  
15 serve the same by handing the bill to either the Governor or to any employee  
16 of the Governor's office, and shall return a certificate to the Senate or the  
17 House as the case may be, of the date and time of such delivery and of the  
18 name of the person to whom delivered and such certificate shall be entered in  
19 the Journal of the Senate or the Journal of the House, as the case may be,  
20 and shall constitute proof of delivery of said bill to the Governor in  
21 determining the period of time in which the Governor has to sign the same or  
22 return it to the Senate or the House with his veto as provided in the  
23 Constitution of the State of Arkansas.

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## 25 Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments

26 Section 21. The Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments shall  
27 consist of the members of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and  
28 Governmental Affairs and the members of the House Committee on State Agencies  
29 and Governmental Affairs. No proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
30 recommended to either house of the General Assembly except upon the  
31 affirmative vote of a majority of the Senate members of the Joint Committee  
32 on Constitutional Amendments and an affirmative vote of a majority of the  
33 House members of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. No  
34 resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be filed in either the  
35 House of Representatives or the Senate after the thirty-first (31st) day of  
36 each regular session of the General Assembly. All resolutions proposing

1 constitutional amendments shall be referred to the Joint Committee on  
2 Constitutional Amendments. Other resolutions proposing constitutional  
3 amendments shall not be reported to or considered by either house of the  
4 General Assembly until the original recommendations of the Joint Committee on  
5 Constitutional Amendments are disposed of by both Houses. A resolution  
6 proposing a constitutional amendment may be considered only during a regular  
7 session.

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#### 9 Joint Meetings of Senate and House Committees

10 Section 22. The standing and select Committees of the Senate and the  
11 House of Representatives are authorized to hold joint meetings upon call of  
12 the Chairpersons of the two committees involved or by one-half (1/2) or more  
13 of the members of both committees involved.

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#### 15 Correction of Obvious Errors

16 Section 23. The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the  
17 House are authorized, subject to approval by the appropriate designated  
18 committee, to correct obvious errors occurring in documents originating in  
19 the House and the Senate respectively, provided that each such correction is  
20 noted on the bill jacket and is documented by a "correction note" at the end  
21 of the official daily journal for the date on which the correction was made.

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#### 23 Assigning Bill and Resolution Numbers

24 Section 24. In assigning numbers to bills and resolutions introduced  
25 in the Senate and House of Representatives, Senate bills and resolutions  
26 shall be numbered commencing with the figure 1, and House bills and  
27 resolutions shall be assigned numbers commencing with the figure 1001.

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#### 29 Pre-filing of Bills and Resolutions

30 Section 25. (A) Beginning on November 15th of each year preceding a  
31 regular session of the General Assembly, each holdover member of the Senate  
32 who will be serving at the next following regular session of the General  
33 Assembly, and each member-elect of the General Assembly, as soon as the  
34 members-elect of the next General Assembly are certified to the Secretary of  
35 State, shall be permitted to prefile bills and resolutions for such regular  
36 session with the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

1 (Arkansas Code § 10-2-112).

2 (B)(1) Beginning on the second Monday of January of each  
3 year of a fiscal session of the General Assembly, each member of the House of  
4 Representatives and the Senate may prefile appropriation bills and  
5 resolutions for the fiscal session with the Chief Clerk of the House and the  
6 Secretary of the Senate.

7 (2) A non-appropriation bill may not be pre-filed prior to a  
8 fiscal session due to the ~~requirement in Amendment 86~~ requirements of Article  
9 5, § 5 of the Constitution of Arkansas ~~that a concurrent resolution be~~  
10 ~~approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house~~  
11 ~~before either body may consider a non-appropriation bill.~~

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#### 13 ~~Succession to the Powers of Governor~~

14 ~~Section 26. (A) It is recognized that no Rule can amend the~~  
15 ~~Constitution; therefore, it is the intent of this Rule to provide for the~~  
16 ~~President Pro Tempore and Speaker of the House to exercise gubernatorial~~  
17 ~~powers sparingly or under only extraordinary circumstances.~~

18 ~~B) Neither the President Pro Tempore of the Senate nor the~~  
19 ~~Speaker of the House shall exercise the powers of the Governor unless he or~~  
20 ~~she succeeds to the powers of the Governor because of a vacancy in both the~~  
21 ~~office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the disability of both officers,~~  
22 ~~or a vacancy in one office and the disability of the other officer.~~

23 ~~(C)(1) For the purpose of this section a disability shall~~  
24 ~~be considered to exist only if:~~

25 ~~(a) The Governor or Lieutenant Governor transmits to~~  
26 ~~the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~  
27 ~~Representatives his or her written declaration that he or she is unable to~~  
28 ~~discharge the powers and duties of his or her office; or~~

29 ~~(b) A Majority of the constitutional officers of the~~  
30 ~~Executive Department of this State transmit to the President Pro Tempore of~~  
31 ~~the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written~~  
32 ~~declaration that the Governor or Lieutenant Governor is unable to discharge~~  
33 ~~the powers and duties of his or her office.~~

34 ~~(2) A disability shall cease upon the officer transmitting to~~  
35 ~~the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~  
36 ~~Representatives his or her written declaration that no disability exists.~~

1           ~~(D) If the Speaker of the House of Representatives exercises the~~  
2 ~~powers of the Governor in violation of this Rule, he or she may be removed~~  
3 ~~from the office of Speaker of the House upon a majority vote of the House.~~  
4 ~~If the President Pro Tempore of the Senate exercises powers of the Governor~~  
5 ~~in violation of this Rule, he or she may be removed from the office of~~  
6 ~~President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon a majority vote of the Senate.~~

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8                                   Interim Committee Meetings

9           Section 26. Interim committees shall not meet beginning January 1  
10 immediately prior to a regular legislative session, without the prior  
11 approval of:

12                   (A) The current Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
13 current President Pro Tempore of the Senate for joint interim committees;

14                   (B) The current Speaker of the House of Representatives for  
15 interim committees of the House of Representatives; or

16                   (C) The current President Pro Tempore of the Senate for interim  
17 committees of the Senate.

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