

By: Representative McKenzie

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF THE SPEAKER-DESIGNATE; AND TO REQUIRE THE VOTE FOR SPEAKER-DESIGNATE BE A PUBLIC, ROLL CALL VOTE.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 10.(a)(1) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly, concerning the selection process for the Speaker-designate, is amended to read as follows:

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



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

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

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

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