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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND THE SUBJECT AREAS ASSIGNED TO THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES; TO AMEND THE SUBJECT AREAS ASSIGNED TO THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 64.(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, concerning subject areas assigned to the House standing committees, is amended to read as follows:

64.(a) The following subject areas shall be within the jurisdiction of each of the respective House standing committees:

(1) Committee on Education – matters pertaining to public kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and adult education, vocational education, vocational-technical schools, vocational rehabilitation, higher education, private educational institutions, similar legislation, and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(2) Committee on Judiciary – matters pertaining to state and local courts, court clerks and stenographers and other employees of the courts, civil and criminal procedures, probate matters, civil and criminal



laws, similar matters, and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(3) Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor – matters pertaining to public health, mental health, mental retardation, public welfare, human relations and resources, environmental affairs, water and air pollution, labor and labor relations, contractors and contracting, similar legislation, and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(4) Committee on Public Transportation – matters pertaining to roads and highways, city streets, county roads, road vehicles, highway safety, airports and air transportation, common and contract carriers, mass transit, similar legislation, and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(5) Committee on Revenue and Taxation – matters pertaining to the levy, increase, reduction, collection, enforcement and administration of taxes and other revenue-producing measures, and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(6) Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs – matters pertaining to the aged, child custody, adoptions, problems of aging; children and youth, military, veterans, legislative affairs, memorials, other matters whenever the subject matter is not germane to the subject matter of any other standing committee and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(7) Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development – matters pertaining to agriculture, livestock, forestry, industrial development, natural resources, oil and gas, publicity and parks, levee and drainage, rivers and harbors, alcohol, tobacco, tobacco products, cigarettes, marijuana products, and similar legislation and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(8) Committee on City, County and Local Affairs – matters pertaining to city and municipal affairs, county affairs, local improvement districts, water districts, interlocal government cooperation, bingo, lotteries, raffles, racing, racetracks, pari-mutuel betting, and similar legislation and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(9) Committee on Insurance and Commerce – matters pertaining to banks and banking, savings and loan associations, stock, bonds, and other securities, securities dealers, insurance, public utilities, partnerships and

corporations, home mortgage financing and housing, movies, pornography, coin-operated amusement devices, vending machines, and similar legislation and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

(10) Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs – matters pertaining to state government and state agencies, except where the subject matter relates more appropriately to another committee, proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas or the Federal government, election laws and procedures, Federal and interstate relations, lobbying, and similar legislation, and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

SECTION 2. Section 65.(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, concerning the subject matter areas that fall under the jurisdiction of the House Rules Committee, is amended to read as follows:

65.(a) Committee on Rules:

(1) All proposed action touching the rules, joint rules, ~~and~~ order of business, and code of ethics shall be referred to the Committee on Rules.

(2) It shall always be in order to call up, for consideration, a report from the Committee on Rules.

(3) The Committee on Rules shall present to the House reports concerning rules, joint rules, and order of business on the third day after convening of the House. The permanent rules shall be adopted by a majority of the members and thereafter they may be changed only by a vote of sixty-seven (67) members.

~~(4) The Speaker shall refer any matter he or she deems appropriate to the Committee on Rules, including without limitation any matters dealing with alcohol, cigarettes, movies, pornography, tobacco, tobacco products, coin operated amusement devices, vending machines, lobbying, code of ethics, bingo, lotteries, raffles, racing, race tracks, pari-mutuel betting and similar legislation.~~

~~(5) Rules of the preceding General Assembly shall automatically be adopted as temporary rules of the current assembly and may be amended or suspended by a majority vote of the membership.~~

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this resolution shall be effective upon sine die adjournment of the Regular Session of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly.