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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO REVISE THE SPEAKER-DESIGNATE SELECTION PROCEDURES.

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 10.(a)(1) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, concerning the selection of 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~~ voice vote by roll call 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~~ voice vote by roll call 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 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 aloud by the Parliamentarian 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 shall be entitled to verify the number of votes he or she received.

