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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO REQUIRE THAT THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECT A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS A DESIGNATED SURVIVOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. Section 11. of the Rules of the House of Representatives, concerning the duties of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

11.(r)(1)(A) Appoint, before any joint meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate at which all members of the General Assembly and the constitutional officers are invited, a member of the House of Representatives to serve as the designated survivor.

(B) As used in this subsection, "designated survivor" means a member of the House of Representatives who will succeed to the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and in whom all powers, duties, and emoluments of the office of the Speaker of the House of



Representatives shall be bestowed in case of the death, illness, incapacity, or other inability to serve of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and a majority of the members of the House of Representatives.

(C) In case of the death, illness, incapacity, or other inability to serve of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and a majority of the members of the House of Representatives, the designated survivor shall serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives until the inability of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve is removed or another individual is elected and qualified to the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(D) A member selected to be the designated survivor shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

(i) Have a seniority ranking in the top one third (1/3) of the House of Representatives; and

(ii) Meet all qualifications to serve as Governor under Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 5.

(2)(A) On the day of the joint meeting, the designated survivor shall remove himself or herself from the State Capitol Building at least one (1) hour before the start of the joint meeting to a location at least five (5) miles away from the State Capitol Building and shall not return to the State Capitol Building until at least one (1) hour after the conclusion of the joint meeting.

(B)(i) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall notify the Division of Emergency Management of the appointment of the designated survivor and work with the division on selection of an appropriate location for the designated survivor during the joint meeting.

(ii) The location of the designated survivor on the day of the joint meeting shall not be the designated survivor's place of residence.

(3)(A) If attendance is taken at the joint meeting, the designated survivor shall be announced and counted as present at the joint meeting and any other meeting of a legislative body of which he or she is a member that is held on the day of the joint meeting.

(B) The designated survivor shall count towards a quorum at any meeting of a legislative body of which he or she is a member that is held on the day of the joint meeting.

(C) The designated survivor is eligible for mileage and per diem related to his or her service as the designated survivor.