

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 570

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT BUDGET  
COMMITTEE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-502(a), concerning the membership of the Joint Budget Committee, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) The Joint Budget Committee shall consist of:

- (i) The current cochairs of the Legislative Council;
- (ii) The immediate past cochairs of the Legislative Council;
- (iii) The current cochairs of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee;
- (iv) The immediate past cochairs of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee;
- (v) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- (vi) The immediate past President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- (vii) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;



(viii) The immediate past Speaker of the House of Representatives;

~~(v)~~(ix) Twenty-four (24) members and eight (8) alternate members of the House of Representatives; and

~~(vi)~~(x) Twenty-four (24) members of the Senate.

(B) If the immediate past House Cochair of the Legislative Council is not a member of the House, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint a member of the House to serve in the stead of the immediate past House cochair.

(C) If the immediate past Senate Cochair of the Legislative Council is not a member of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may appoint a member of the Senate to serve in the stead of the immediate past Senate cochair.

(D) If the immediate past House Cochair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee is not a member of the House, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint a member of the House to serve in the stead of the immediate past House cochair.

(E) If the immediate past Senate Cochair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee is not a member of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may appoint a member of the Senate to serve in the stead of the immediate past Senate cochair.

(F) If the immediate past President Pro Tempore of the Senate is not a member of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may appoint a member of the Senate to serve in the stead of the immediate past President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(G) If the immediate past Speaker of the House of Representatives is not a member of the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint a member of the House to serve in the stead of the immediate past Speaker of the House of Representatives.

~~(F)~~(H) If the House Cochair of the Legislative Council has not been elected, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint a member of the House to serve until the House members of the Legislative Council elect a cochair of the Legislative Council.

~~(G)~~(I) If the House Cochair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee has not been elected, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint a member of the House to serve until the House

members of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee elect a cochair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

(2) The Senate Vice Chair of the Joint Budget Committee shall be selected in the same manner as the Senate Vice Chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.