### AGENDA Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs

### Tuesday, April 8, 2025 10:00 AM OSC, State Capitol Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Scott Flippo, Chair Sen. John Payton, Vice-Chair Sen. Alan Clark Sen. Kim Hammer Sen. Dan Sullivan Sen. Clarke Tucker Sen. Bryan King Sen. Jim Dotson

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

| Number        | Sponsor     | Subtitle  |
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| <u>SB453</u>  | B. King     | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.  |
| <u>SB476</u>  | J. Scott    | TO ALLOW LEAVE FOR ORGAN DONATION FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES;<br>AND TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR LIFE<br>INSURANCE WHO ARE ORGAN DONORS.                                     |
| <u>HB1714</u> | Rose        | TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF PAID CANVASSER.  |
| <u>SB517</u>  | J. Scott    | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS; AND TO ALLOW<br>A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO DESIGNATE A<br>RESTROOM FOR CAMPAIGN WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS.                                    |
| <u>SB538</u>  | Gilmore     | TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PROCUREMENT LAW.  |
| <u>HB1243</u> | Underwood   | TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES; TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING AND PROTECT ELECTION INTEGRITY; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996.             |
| <u>SB569</u>  | M. Johnson  | AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING BALLOT<br>TITLES OF PROPOSED MEASURES; AND AMENDING THE ARKANSAS<br>CONSTITUTION UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,<br>ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1.  |
| <u>SB579</u>  | M. McKee    | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; AND<br>TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC EMPLOYER FROM DEDUCTING LABOR ORGANIZATION<br>MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM THE COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.              |
| <u>HB1706</u> | McCollum    | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTIONS; AND TO PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING.  |
| <u>HB1873</u> | B. McKenzie | CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO PERSONS ELECTED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER<br>OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE YEARS OF SERVICE REMAINING BEFORE<br>REACHING THE LIMITATION ON SERVICE UNDER THE ARKANSAS<br>CONSTITUTION. |
| <u>HB1886</u> | Pearce      | TO DESIGNATE THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER AS THE OFFICIAL CANINE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.  |
| <u>SB608</u>  | M. Johnson  | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING RUNOFF ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.   |
| <u>HB1739</u> | M. Brown    | TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIALS ACT.  |
| <u>SB614</u>  | C. Tucker   | TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS.  |

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| <u>SB617</u>  | M. Johnson  | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE CAPITOL ZONING DISTRICT; AND TO AMEND THE ZONING AUTHORITY OF THE CAPITOL ZONING DISTRICT COMMISSION.   |
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| <u>HB1365</u> | K. Brown    | TO REMOVE RACIAL AND GENDER QUOTAS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF<br>MEMBERSHIP FOR CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, AND<br>COMMISSIONS.  |
| <u>HB1800</u> | McAlindon   | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISCLOSURE FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE; TO<br>REQUIRE DISCLOSURE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF A NON-UNITED STATES<br>ENTITY; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE THAT RESULTED<br>FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990.            |
| <u>HB1891</u> | Ray         | TO ALLOW A PERSON FILING AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE<br>OF THE SUPREME COURT OR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS WHO IS AN<br>APPOINTEE IN THAT POSITION TO USE THE TITLE OF THAT POSITION AS A<br>PREFIX WHEN FILING AS A CANDIDATE. |
| <u>HB1896</u> | B. McKenzie | TO CREATE THE JUNK FEE ELIMINATING ACT OF 2025; TO ABOLISH THE<br>INFORMATION NETWORK OF ARKANSAS; AND TO TRANSFER ANY REMAINING<br>DUTIES OF THE INFORMATION NETWORK OF ARKANSAS TO THE DIVISION OF<br>INFORMATION SYSTEMS.                    |
| <u>HB1898</u> | Painter     | TO CREATE THE REGULATORY DIVISION AND THE REGULATORY<br>ENFORCEMENT DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND<br>ADMINISTRATION; AND TO ALLOW PERSONNEL OF THE REGULATORY<br>ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO BE DESIGNATED AS AGENTS.                   |
| <u>HB1934</u> | McAlindon   | TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FORWARD ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE ACT; AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FORWARD ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP.   |

# **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

| Number       | Sponsor   | Subtitle   |
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| <u>SJR2</u>  | B. King   | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS<br>APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO APPORTION DISTRICTS FOR THE HOUSE<br>OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE, AND THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF<br>REPRESENTATIVES.                                     |
| <u>SJR3</u>  | B. King   | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.  |
| <u>SJR6</u>  | B. King   | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROCEEDS<br>FROM THE SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND CASINO GAMING SHALL BE<br>USED FOR CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND<br>ASSISTANCE FOR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION SERVICES.    |
| <u>SJR9</u>  | B. King   | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO<br>BE SUED AS A DEFENDANT IN STATE COURT TO ENFORCE CONSTITUTIONAL<br>RIGHTS OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.   |
| <u>SJR11</u> | J. Payton | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,<br>ARTICLE 2, § 5, TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS.  |
| <u>SJR12</u> | C. Tucker | AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH BY LAW A REVISED ELECTION PROCESS.   |
| <u>SJR13</u> | J. Dotson | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME<br>COURT JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, CIRCUIT JUDGE, OR DISTRICT<br>JUDGE TO DECLARE HIS OR HER PARTY AFFILIATION OR INDEPENDENT<br>STATUS WHEN RUNNING FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE. |
| <u>SJR14</u> | J. Dotson | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF THE   |
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| <u>SJR15</u> | J. Dismang | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN<br>THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO<br>PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS TO<br>PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. |
| <u>SJR17</u> | J. Dotson  | AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS.   |
| <u>SJR18</u> | J. Payton  | THE CITIZENS ONLY VOTING AMENDMENT.   |
| SJR22        | G. Leding  | A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION.  |
| <u>SJR24</u> | M. Johnson | AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING<br>INITIATIVES, REFERENDA, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REFERRED<br>TO VOTERS.  |

# DEFERRED BILLS

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| <u>SB4</u>    | C. Penzo   | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS; AND TO ALLOW VOTERS TO ELECT "FOR" OR "AGAINST" WATER FLUORIDATION.   |
| <u>SB44</u>   | Hester     | TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING WHEN INTERIM COMMITTEES MAY MEET DURING A LEGISLATIVE RECESS.   |
| <u>SB141</u>  | B. King    | TO ELIMINATE FUNDING TO THE ARKANSAS CENTER FOR HEALTH<br>IMPROVEMENT.  |
| <u>SB247</u>  | C. Tucker  | TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ABSENTEE VOTER INTEGRITY ACT OF 2025; TO<br>AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COUNTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS; TO AMEND<br>THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING<br>THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. |
| <u>SB248</u>  | C. Tucker  | TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 CONCERNING PERSONNEL RECORDS.  |
| <u>SB212</u>  | K. Hammer  | TO CREATE THE DOCUMENT VALIDITY DIVISION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  |
| <u>SB398</u>  | C. Tucker  | TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING INITIATIVE PETITIONS AND<br>REFERENDUM PETITIONS; AND TO ALLOW A CURE PERIOD FOR INSUFFICIENT<br>SUBMISSIONS.  |
| <u>HB1524</u> | Wooldridge | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.   |
| <u>SB434</u>  | J. Dotson  | TO CREATE THE "PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTION ACT"; TO AMEND A PORTION<br>OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AS AUTHORIZED BY ARKANSAS<br>CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  |
| <u>SB493</u>  | J. Bryant  | TO TRANSFER AND CONSOLIDATE THE DUTIES OF TRADE-RELATED BOARDS<br>TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT LICENSING BOARD; AND TO DECLARE AN<br>EMERGENCY.  |
| <u>SB395</u>  | Hickey     | TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL<br>INTEREST; AND AMENDING A PORTION OF ARKANSAS LAW RESULTING FROM<br>INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1988.   |