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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 570

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
9 MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
15 MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT BUDGET  
16 COMMITTEE.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-502(a), concerning the membership of  
23 the Joint Budget Committee, is amended to read as follows:

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

25 (i) The current cochairs of the Legislative Council;  
26 (ii) The immediate past cochairs of the Legislative  
27 Council;

28 (iii) The current cochairs of the Legislative Joint  
29 Auditing Committee;

30 (iv) The immediate past cochairs of the Legislative  
31 Joint Auditing Committee;

32 (v) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

33 (vi) The immediate past President Pro Tempore of the  
34 Senate;

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36 (vii) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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