



## **Daily Legislative Update**

**First Special Session - 91st General Assembly  
Monday, May 1, 2017 – Day 1**

### **CAPITOL SCHEDULE**

The House and Senate will convene at 1 p.m. to Sine Die the 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly.

There will be a Joint meeting of the House and Senate at 2:30 in the House Chamber to begin the First Special Session.

Below is the Governor's Proclamation calling the Special Session:

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: An extraordinary occasion has arisen making it necessary to convene the 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly into extraordinary session; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to integrate the provisions of Acts 2017, nos. 207, 312, and 1108 into Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 30; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to make technical corrections to Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, also known as the "Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016" to integrate and incorporate the provisions of Acts 4, 438, 479, 593, 639, 641, 670, 740, 948, 1023, 1024, 1098, and 1100 of 2017 into Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to amend the Arkansas Works Act of 2016 to reduce income eligibility limits in the Arkansas Works program to one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level, impose work requirements on certain individuals enrolled in the Arkansas Works program, and allow Arkansas the flexibility to select whether to become an "assessment state" or a "determination state" subject to the grant of a Medicaid waiver from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); and

WHEREAS: There is a need to prohibit development of technology for a state-based platform for the individual health insurance marketplace, make a state-based small business exchange optional, provide oversight of the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace to the Legislative Council, and study the future direction of the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to amend Initiated Act 1 of 2000, also known as the "Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act" to authorize the transfer of funds from the Arkansas Healthy Century Trust Fund and to transfer funds from the Arkansas Healthy Century Trust Fund to the Long Term Reserve Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article 6, Section 19 of the Arkansas Constitution, do hereby call an Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly to convene in Little Rock on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., and I do hereby specify that the General Assembly is convened in such Session to consider, and, if so advised, enact laws for the following purposes:

1. To provide for the payment of expenses and per diem of the House of Representatives and the Senate for this Extraordinary Session.
2. To make technical corrections to Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 30 to integrate and incorporate the provisions of Acts 2017, nos. 207, 312, and 1108 into Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 30.
3. To make technical corrections to Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, also known as the "Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016" to integrate and incorporate the provisions of Acts 4, 438, 479, 593, 639, 641, 670, 740, 948, 1023, 1024, 1098, and 1100 of 2017 into Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98.
4. To amend the Arkansas Works Act of 2016 to reduce income eligibility limits in the Arkansas Works program to one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level and impose work requirements on certain individuals enrolled in the Arkansas Works program; to allow Arkansas the flexibility to select whether to become an "assessment state" or a "determination state."
5. To prohibit development of technology for a state-based platform for the individual health insurance marketplace; to provide oversight of the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace to the Legislative Council; to study the future direction of the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace.

6. To amend Initiated Act 1 of 2000, also known as the "Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act"; to authorize the transfer of funds from the Arkansas Healthy Century Trust Fund; to transfer funds from the Arkansas Healthy Century Trust Fund to the Long Term Reserve Fund.
7. To confirm gubernatorial appointees.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson  
Governor

Attest



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

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