



## Daily Legislative Update

First Extraordinary Session - 91st General Assembly  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Day 2

### REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED SINE DIE

Yesterday, the House and Senate both adjourned the 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Regular Session Sine Die.

### SPECIAL SESSION CONVENED

Shortly after adjourning the Regular Session, both Chambers convened the First Extraordinary Session of the 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly.

Five bills were filed in the House and Senate yesterday. The five bills were mirrored in each Chamber and sponsored by the Speaker Jeremy Gillam, R-Judsonia, and Senate President Pro Tem Jonathan Dismang, R-Beebe. Those bills are:

**HB 1001/SB 1** would make technical corrections and incorporate three Acts of 2017 that pertain to ethics laws into Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution.

**HB 1002/SB 2** would make technical corrections and incorporate 23 medical marijuana-related Acts of 2017 into Amendment 98 of the Arkansas Constitution.

**HB 1003/SB 3** would require the Department of Human Services to submit a state plan that seeks a federal waiver to amend the benefits of the Arkansas Works program by establishing a work requirement, reducing income-based eligibility and other changes.

**HB 1004/SB 4** seek to prohibit the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace from developing technology for a state-based marketplace platform and dissolve the current marketplace oversight committee, placing oversight and study authority with the Legislative Council.

**HB 1005 and SB 5** seek to move \$105 million from the Health Century Trust Fund (Tobacco Settlement) to an account for long-term reserve funding.

### YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

The Joint Budget Committee met first, but did not pass HB 1005/SB 5.

The House Rules, House & Senate Insurance and Commerce and House and Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees met late yesterday afternoon and passed SB 1/HB 1001, SB 2/HB 1002, SB 3/HB 1003 and SB 4/HB 1004.

### **TODAY AT THE CAPITOL**

The Joint Budget Committee began meeting at 9 a.m. this morning. The Senate was scheduled to convene at 9 a.m. and the House at 10 a.m., but the Joint Budget Committee is in a lengthy reconsideration of SB 5/HB 1005 this morning.

The debate on HB 1005 and SB 5, which seeks to move \$105 million from the Health Century Trust Fund (Tobacco Settlement) to an account for long-term reserve funding, is centered around the vote requirement to approve spending. Normal appropriation bills require a two-thirds majority. Funds spent out of the long-term reserve fund would only require a simple majority. Amendments to HB1005/SB 5 are being considered that would increase the vote requirement to spend funds out of the long-term reserve fund to two-thirds.

When the House and Senate convene today, they will consider SB 1/HB 1001, SB 2/HB 1002, SB 3/HB 1003 and SB 4/HB 1004. Rules have been suspended, which would also allow them to consider SB 5/HB 1005 if approved by the Joint Budget Committee.

### **TOMORROW AT THE CAPITOL**

Bills that pass the House and Senate today will go to the opposite Chamber tomorrow for committee consideration and then a floor vote in each Chamber. The plan is to complete the Special Session tomorrow.

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