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92nd General Assembly April 8, 2020 – Fiscal Session Day 1

FISCAL SESSION BEGINS AT NOON TODAY

The Fiscal Session of the Arkansas General Assembly will convene at noon today.

The Senate will meet in the Senate Chamber using the social distancing plan they used during the recent Special Session. You can view the live stream [here](#).

The House will meet in the Jack Stephens Center on the campus of UALR as they did during the recent Special Session to accomplish social distancing. You can view the live stream [here](#).

GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Governor Asa Hutchinson will deliver his State of the State address from the Senate Chamber today at noon. You can watch by clicking [here](#).

TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

The Joint Budget Committee will meet upon adjournment of the House and Senate in Big MAC A. Click to view the meeting's agenda [here](#).

BILL FILINGS

Today is the deadline to file resolutions to authorize the filing of non-appropriation bills.

The House pre-filed 99 bills and the Senate pre-filed 89 bills. All but two bills in each Chamber were sponsored by the Joint Budget Committee. The two non-Joint Budget bills in each Chamber were filed by Joint Budget Committee co-chairmen Rep. Lane Jean and Sen. Larry Teague. These bills will be amended later to include the state's balanced budget procedure, the Revenue Stabilization Act (RSA).

Three Resolutions were filed in the House and four in the Senate. Two of the resolutions filed in the House and Senate are identical and authorize the filing of the RSA non-appropriation bills.

Each Chamber also filed identical resolutions that would extend the Session to its maximum term of 45 days ending on May 22. These resolutions allow the Fiscal Session to adjourn Sine Die at anytime before May 22 and also allow the session to adjourn for up to four consecutive days anytime between now and May 22. The expectation is that the Session will be conducted as efficiently as possible.

INCOME TAX CUT

SR 4 by Sen. Linda Chesterfield seeks to authorize Rep. Fred Love to file a bill to modify the state's income tax brackets. You can read the resolution [here](#).

INFORMATION

To monitor the bill filings and meetings calendar, click [here](#).

The Capitol remains closed.

The State Chamber/AIA's Legislative Reception scheduled for April 14 has been postponed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

To view schedules, calendars, bill information and legislator information, click www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

Legislative Message Center

House of Representatives: 501-682-6211

Senate: 501-682-2902

Live Streaming from the Capitol

The House and Senate have links to live streaming of their committee meetings and floor session online.

- House: <https://www.arkansashouse.org/>
- Senate: <http://www.arkansas.gov/senate/>

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