

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 90th General Assembly into extraordinary session; and

WHEREAS: The creation of jobs and economic growth is critical to improving the lives of the citizens of the State of Arkansas; thus there is a need to issue general obligation bonds to effectively compete for and attract large economic development projects. There is a need for the General Assembly, pursuant to Amendment 82 of the Arkansas Constitution, to authorize the Arkansas Development Finance Authority to issue general obligation bonds to finance infrastructure or other needs to attract large economic development projects; and

WHEREAS: In order to promote economic growth in Arkansas, it is anticipated Arkansas Highway 63 will be designated as I-555; thus there is a need for the General Assembly to amend Ark. Code Ann. §§27-35-210(a)(2)(A)(iv) and (C)(iii) to allow agricultural vehicles to continue to utilize that roadway; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to increase efficiency in services provided by the State and provide for cost savings in delivery of these services by combining overlapping functions and eliminating duplication of functions in state government; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to amend Arkansas election laws concerning the time for election and candidacy filing dates; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to amend Arkansas law concerning the time for the General Assembly to meet in fiscal session; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to amend Arkansas law concerning the mental state required in Ark. Code Ann. §5-65-103 to ensure the State remains eligible to receive federal safety incentives pursuant to 23 USC §§161 and 163 preventing operation of vehicles by intoxicated persons; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to honor the life and service of Johnson County Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Deputy Sonny Smith, who served as a non-paid, volunteer officer; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to correct engrossment errors created in Acts passed during the Regular Session of the 90th General Assembly.

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 Tuesday, May, 26, 2015 at 3:00 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 declare the proposed project a qualified Amendment 82 project, authorize the execution of the Amendment 82 agreement in substantially the same form as presented to the General Assembly, and authorize the issuance of Amendment 82 bonds;
3. To amend Ark. Code Ann. §§27-35-210(a)(2)(A)(iv) and (C)(iii) to allow agricultural vehicles to continue to utilize Arkansas Highway 63 upon its designation as I-555;
4. In order to facilitate an increase in efficiency and reduction of administrative costs in state government to transfer the following:
 - a. Arkansas Science and Technology Authority to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission;
 - b. The Department of Rural Services to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission;
 - c. The Arkansas Building Authority to the Department of Finance and Administration; and
 - d. The Division of Land Surveys of the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Arkansas Geographic Information Office;
5. To amend Arkansas law concerning the mental state required in Ark. Code Ann. §5-65-103;
6. To amend Arkansas election laws to move the Preferential Primary and General Primary election dates to March, and the candidacy filing dates;
7. To amend Arkansas law concerning the time for the General Assembly to meet in fiscal session during the month of April and to change associated reporting dates accordingly;
8. To amend Arkansas law containing engrossment errors created during the 90th General Assembly;
9. To honor Johnson County Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Deputy Sonny Smith, who served as a non-paid, volunteer officer; and
10. 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 20th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary of State