STATE OF ARKANSAS
House of Representatives

Arkansas House Newsletter

December 3, 2021

2nd Extraordinary Session of the 93rd General Assembly

The General Assembly is scheduled to convene for an Extraordinary Session on Tuesday, December 7.

The Arkansas Constitution says Extraordinary Sessions, often referred to as special sessions, can only be called by the Governor.

The Governor announced this week he is calling the session to address tax cuts and several miscellaneous items of legislation.

The tax cut being proposed would lower the top income tax rate to 5.5% for tax year 2022 and gradually reduce the top rate to 4.9% for tax year 2025.

Currently, the top income tax rate is 5.9%.

The proposal would also gradually reduce the corporate income tax rates to 5.3% by tax year 2025.

Taxpayers whose taxable income is at or below $23,600 and who timely file a tax return receive a $60 nonrefundable tax credit under the legislation.

The latest general revenue report, released this week, shows year-to-date general revenue at $79.5 million or 3% above year ago levels.

The Governor is also expected to ask the General Assembly to transfer funds from the General Allotment Reserve Accounts to Restricted Reserve Accounts, approve appropriations for American Rescue Plan funds, and consider expanding tax credits for an economic development project.

The other items before the legislature will include technical corrections in previous passed legislation. We will post all the legislation on our website.

Article 6, section 19 in our state constitution outlines the procedure for Extraordinary Sessions. It states the Governor must specify in the proclamation the purpose for which the General Assembly is convened.

The General Assembly cannot take up any other businesses until every item in the proclamation has been addressed or dismissed.
After that, the General Assembly can extend the session for up to 15 days to take up other matters with a 2/3 majority vote of both the House and the Senate.

The session will be live-streamed and archived at www.arkansashouse.org.

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