



Arkansas House Newsletter

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Daily Summary for Monday, April 7



On Monday, the House of Representatives adopted HJR1018, a proposed constitutional amendment titled “The Citizens Only Voting Amendment,” which restricts voting in state and local elections to U.S. citizens who meet electoral qualifications.

The House also passed HB1685, which proposes eliminating the state’s 0.125% sales tax on groceries starting January 1, 2026. Another bill, HB1491, creates an excise tax credit for certain beer and sake produced with Arkansas rice.

Additionally, the House passed HB1879, requiring city councils and county quorum courts to post video recordings of public meetings, and HB1925, which mandates a witness for the signature of absentee voter statements. The House also approved HB1929, prohibiting state agencies from using the term “West Bank” in official government materials.

HB1893 was passed, granting private property or business owners the right to ban emotional support animals from their premises. The House also passed HB1965, which establishes the Arkansas Healthy Food Retail Act

to provide financial incentives for healthy food retailers in underserved communities, aiming to increase access to fresh produce and affordable healthy food.

The House approved SB433, which mandates the display of a poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments in public institutions of higher education, as well as in libraries, classrooms, and public buildings at the elementary and secondary school levels.

The House passed SB123, which prohibits healthcare insurers from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for breast cancer screenings and supplementary breast exams.

The House passed SB252, a bill aimed at raising public awareness about the health risks associated with vapor and e-liquid products, while also preventing the contamination, adulteration, or addition of harmful ingredients in these products