



Arkansas House Newsletter

January 8, 2015

Session Begins January 12

House Members of the 90th General Assembly will be sworn into office at noon on Monday, Jan 12. The agenda can be found [here](#).

Below are links to helpful documents:

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[Seating Chart for the 90th General Assembly](#)

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The 90th General Assembly is a diverse group. On January 12, 40 freshman will be sworn into the House of Representatives. We will be swearing in new members in their 20's and members in their 70's. Females will make up 20% of the membership this year which is a slight increase from 17% in 2013.

Members will bring a wealth of practical knowledge to the House. Of the 100 representatives, 14 have served in the armed forces.

Many of the members are small business owners and 6 members are educators or retired educators.

Arkansas's largest industry is also well represented. 17 of our members are farmers or retired farmers.

And this year, 3 of our members are pastors and 10 are attorneys.

Our incoming Speaker, Rep. Jeremy Gillam, has stated publicly that economic development will be the focus of this session. This will involve taking a look at our tax structure, infrastructure and our education system in order to grow an environment conducive for job creation.

Prison overcrowding will also be an issue this General Assembly will have to address.

We invite you to watch the swearing in ceremony on the 12th at www.arkansashouse.org. The following day, the Governor and our Constitutional Officers will be sworn in at 10:30.