

NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Matthew J. Shepherd

DISTRICT 97

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Today is the deadline for members to file proposed Constitutional Amendments. More than 20 proposed amendments have been filed. You can find a complete list of the proposals which are labeled House Joint Resolutions and Senate Joint Resolutions at www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

This afternoon, the House passed several bills including the following:

HB1118-This bill allows the cottage food industry to sell goods online.

HB1067-This bill will allow UAMS to create a breast milk bank and establish an account to fund the program.

SB32-This bill allows liquor stores, micro-brewery restaurants, and small breweries to deliver alcoholic beverages in wet counties. Deliveries are currently allowed under an executive order. This bill will allow the practice to continue once the health emergency order expires.

SB66-This bill allows the tuition-free benefit for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard to apply for programs of study in which courses are taken exclusively online.

SB173-This bill adds food processing or manufacturing facilities and correctional facilities to the list of critical infrastructures in which unmanned aircraft (drones) are prohibited.

SB105-This bill amends the marriage eligibility requirement from 2 years to 1 year for survivors benefits under the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement System.

Due to the expected inclement weather, the House will not convene on Thursday.

We will convene again on Monday at 1 pm.