



STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives



NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Matthew J. Shepherd

DISTRICT 97

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1, 2019

In a vote of 51-26, with 9 members voting present, the House passed SJR15. This is a proposed constitutional amendment for the November 2020 ballot addressing term limits for legislators. This amendment would limit state legislators elected after January 1, 2021 to 12 years of consecutive service. Those legislators would not be eligible for subsequent service in the General Assembly until four years after the expiration of the last term in office.

Current legislators could serve under the existing term limits of 16 years. Those members would be subject to a 4 year waiting period for before running for a subsequent term in the General Assembly.

The House passed HB1837. This bill expands access to association health plans to allow more small businesses to band together to purchase insurance.

The House passed HB1733 which makes threatening to commit an act of mass violence on school property a Class C felony.

The House passed HB1945. This provides needed changes to have the Arkansas Online Insurance Verification System implemented by January 1, 2020. This system gives law enforcement access to real-time information regarding proof of insurance.

The House passed SB492. This allows cities in wet counties to pass an ordinance creating a temporary or permanent designated entertainment district.

The House will convene on Tuesday at 1:30 pm.