

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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# MARKUP

## ~~24 CAR § 15-104. Board meeting dates.~~

~~The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Judicial Retirement System shall meet on the first Thursday of the second month of each quarter and at such other times as called by the chair.~~

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY.**

**DEPARTMENT** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BOARD/COMMISSION** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TELEPHONE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the Financial Impact Statement and email it with the questionnaire, summary, markup and clean copy of the rule, and other documents. Please attach additional pages, if necessary.

**TITLE OF THIS RULE** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact?  
Yes                      No
  
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule?  
Yes                      No
  
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes                      No

If no, please explain:

(a) how the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

(b) the reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

(c) whether the reason for adoption of the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, how; and

(d) whether the reason for adoption of the more costly rule is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority, and if so, how.

4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a *federal* rule or regulation, please state the following:  
(a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, private entity, or private business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Please identify those subject to the rule, and explain how they are affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to a state, county, or municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes      No

If yes, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
  - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and
  - (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
  - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
  - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
  - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.

**Public Notice of Intended Board Action:**

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Judicial Retirement System (AJRS), 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201 has voted to repeal board rule “24 CAR § 15-104. Board meeting dates” because the rule is obsolete.

Copies of the repealed rule are available for inspection and copying during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Arkansas Public Employees’ Retirement System (APERS) principal offices, 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201. A copy of the repealed rule and a summary of the proposed repeal are also available on the AJRS website, <https://arjrs.org>, and on the Arkansas Secretary of State’s website, <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov>.

Written public comment concerning the proposed amendment may be submitted to APERS within **thirty (30) days** of the first publication of this notice. Public comments should be addressed to Laura Gilson, Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201, [laura.gilson@arkansas.gov](mailto:laura.gilson@arkansas.gov). If required under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(a)(2)(B), a public hearing on these rules will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room in APERS’s main offices, 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201.

## **24 CAR § 15-104**

### **Proposed Rule Repeal Regarding Board Meeting Dates**

**PURPOSE:** The Arkansas Judicial Retirement System (AJRS) seeks to repeal 24 CAR § 15-104 which pertains to AJRS Board of Trustees meeting dates.

**BACKGROUND:** Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 24-8-203(c)(1), the AJRS Board has the authority to make all rules necessary to administer the Arkansas Judicial Retirement System. The current rule requires that the AJRS Board meet on the first Thursday of the second month of each quarter. The current rule is obsolete because the board has changed the meeting dates and complies with Ark. Code Ann. § 24-8-203(d) which requires that the board meet at least quarterly.

**KEY POINTS:** The proposed rule repeal removes obsolete language.

**DISCUSSION:** Arkansas Code § 24-8-203(d) requires that the AJRS Board meet at least once quarterly and at other times as necessary. 24 CAR § 15-104 is obsolete since the board has changed the meeting date and is already required by law to meet each quarter.

**RECOMMENDATION:** AJRS recommends that the proposed repeal of 24 CAR § 15-104 be approved.