

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-003

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND
4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND
5 ECOLOGY COMMISSION'S REGULATION NO. 5, LIQUID ANIMAL WASTE
6 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, TO STUDY PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES IN OTHER
7 STATES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RELATED LEGISLATION THAT
8 MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE PROCESSES.

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10 WHEREAS, a liquid animal waste management system is a system used for
11 the collection, storage, distribution, or disposal of animal waste in liquid
12 form generated by a confined animal operation; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission approved
15 Regulation No. 5, Liquid Animal Waste Management Systems, which details the
16 qualifications and standards for the issuance of permits by the Division of
17 Environmental Quality for confined animal operations using liquid animal
18 waste management systems; and

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20 WHEREAS, there is a compelling state interest in ensuring that our
21 permitting processes are efficient in order for the agricultural industry to
22 operate effectively while also protecting our important natural resources
23 throughout the state,

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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC
27 DEVELOPMENT OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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29 THAT the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic
30 Development conduct a study on Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology
31 Commission's Regulation No. 5, Liquid Animal Waste Management Systems, and
32 similar regulations in other states in order to review best practices and to
33 make recommendations for related legislation that may be necessary to improve
34 processes related to liquid animal waste management systems.

1 Respectfully submitted,

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