

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator S. Bell**

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THAT AN APPROPRIATE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE
9 MAKE A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO
10 PROVIDE THAT WHEN AN ELECTION IS HELD ON THE QUESTION OF
11 COMBINING TWO OR MORE SCHOOL DISTRICTS INTO A SINGLE
12 DISTRICT, THE ISSUE OF COMBINING THE DISTRICT AND THE LEVY
13 OF A SPECIFIED TAX MILLAGE TO SUPPORT THE NEW DISTRICT
14 SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AS A SINGLE ISSUE.

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16 WHEREAS, under the current law, when two or more school districts are
17 consolidated into one district, the rates of millages voted in the former
18 separate districts remain in effect until such time as a new common millage
19 rate proposed in the new district is approved by a majority of the electors
20 voting in the annual school election in the new district; and

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22 WHEREAS, the current law results in serious inequities when
23 substantially different millage rates were levied in the former districts and
24 the electors of the new district fail to approve a single rate for the new
25 district,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,
28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
29 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 An appropriate joint interim committee is hereby requested to make a
32 study of the feasibility of enacting legislation to provide that when an
33 election is held on the question of the consolidation, annexation or merger of
34 two or more school districts, the issue of combining the districts and the
35 levy of a specified tax millage to support the district shall be placed on the

1 ballot as a single issue, in order to assure that when two or more district
2 are combined into one district a single millage will be levied for support of
3 the district.

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of Education is
6 requested to cooperate with and assist the committee in conducting the study.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings and
9 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Seventy-Ninth
10 General Assembly.

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