

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGING AND
9 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF AMENDMENT 73,
10 THE TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT, ON THE ARKANSAS GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE BEST INSTITUTIONAL
12 STRUCTURES OF THE LEGISLATURE TO DETERMINE THE BEST WAY TO
13 MITIGATE THOSE EFFECTS IN FUTURE DELIBERATIONS.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF THE TERM LIMITS
17 AMENDMENT ON THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN CONDUCTING
18 FUTURE DELIBERATIONS.

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20 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Arkansas have voted to support the
21 concept of "Term Limits" by adopting in the General Election of 1992 the Term
22 Limits Amendment, Amendment 73 to the Arkansas Constitution of 1874; and

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24 WHEREAS, Amendment 73, the Term Limits Amendment, will have the effect,
25 directly and indirectly, of bringing about the loss of significant
26 institutional knowledge as it relates to the subject matter over which the
27 Arkansas General Assembly has authority and its relevant responsibility; and

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29 WHEREAS, the loss of this institutional knowledge within the General
30 Assembly will mean that expertise will not be readily available when
31 critically needed for independent advice and information during legislative
32 deliberations; and

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34 WHEREAS, the loss of this institutional knowledge within the legislature
35 will eventually force the General Assembly to seek alternative sources of

1 independent expertise, reliable advice and substantive information for the
2 future,

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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
7 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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9 THAT the Senate of the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly of the State of
10 Arkansas respectfully requests the Joint Interim Committee on Aging and
11 Legislative Affairs to conduct a study of these and other effects of Amendment
12 73 by gathering relevant facts, receiving relevant testimony and comments from
13 a variety of sources and developing plans to address any potential problems
14 which may arise in the future as a result of the Term Limits Amendment on the
15 institutional structures of the General Assembly;

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17 FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Joint Interim Committee on Aging and
18 Legislative Affairs report its findings and recommendations to the Senate and
19 ask that any necessary legislation be prepared for the Eighty General Assembly
20 meeting in January, 1995.

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