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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. The Arkansas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

1 (a)(1) The General Assembly shall provide by law that all or a portion
2 of surplus state funds be allocated to communities within the State of
3 Arkansas.

4 (2) The laws enacted by the General Assembly may define terms
5 used within this amendment, including without limitation the terms “surplus
6 state funds” and “communities”.

7 (b) The laws enacted by the General Assembly shall without limitation
8 provide for the award of grants funded by surplus state funds to communities
9 within the state.

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11 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment is effective on and after
12 January 1, 2021.

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14 SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
15 amendment is submitted to the electors of the state on the general election
16 ballot:

17 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot
18 title; and

19 (2) The popular name shall be “A Proposed Constitutional
20 Amendment Requiring the General Assembly to Provide by Law that All or a
21 Portion of Surplus State Funds be Allocated to Communities within the State
22 of Arkansas”.

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