

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-088

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE HOUSE
4 COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS A REQUEST TO STUDY
5 THE OPPORTUNITIES, BENEFITS, AND CHALLENGES OF INITIATING OR EXPANDING
6 THE USE OF INTERNET IN CERTAIN PUBLIC ENTITIES.
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8 WHEREAS, state agencies, county offices, and municipal offices would
9 benefit from a formal study of the opportunities, cost savings, and
10 challenges of initiating or expanding the use of the existing internet for
11 digital publications throughout the state agencies, county offices, or
12 municipal offices; and
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14 WHEREAS, the study of the opportunities, cost savings, and challenges
15 of initiating or expanding the use of the existing internet throughout the
16 state agencies, county offices, or municipal offices should focus on the
17 public and proprietary access to documents, records, and archives, including
18 without limitation the publication of agendas and proposed ordinances, rule
19 changes, and public hearings maintained or possessed by the relevant entity;
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22 WHEREAS, the study of the opportunities, benefits, and challenges of
23 initiating or expanding the use of the existing internet throughout the state
24 agencies, county offices, or municipal offices should also focus on the speed
25 and accuracy of communication within and outside of the relevant entity in
26 order to provide citizens of this state a more efficient and responsive
27 government; and
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29 WHEREAS, the study of the opportunities, benefits, and challenges of
30 initiating or expanding the use of the existing internet throughout the state
31 agencies, county offices, or municipal offices should consider opportunities
32 for software sharing, social media, digital publications, and live streaming
33 options in order to enable citizens of this state to be more engaged in their
34 local and state government,
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36 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FIRST
2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on
6 State Agencies and Governmental Affairs a request to study the opportunities,
7 benefits, and challenges of initiating or expanding the use of the existing
8 internet throughout state agencies, county offices, or municipal offices in
9 the state.

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11 Respectfully submitted,

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