

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-116

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY STUDY AND
4 DEVELOP RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPEACHMENT PROCESS IN THE
5 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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7 WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution Article 15, § 2, states that all
8 impeachments shall be tried by the Senate; and

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10 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has codified limited procedures for the
11 impeachment process in § 21-12-201 et seq.; and

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13 WHEREAS, while impeachment is occasionally referenced as a possible
14 option when considering alleged misconduct by elected officials, the Senate
15 lacks procedural rules to conduct an impeachment trial; and

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17 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Senate to review the laws
18 and history addressing the impeachment process and consider necessary rules
19 and procedures for the effective conduct of impeachment trials within its
20 chamber; and

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22 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the processes for impeachment
23 used by other states and the United States Government to ensure the rules,
24 procedures, and processes are similar,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY OF THE NINETY-FIRST
28 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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30 THAT the Senate Committee on Judiciary study the impeachment process
31 envisioned by the Arkansas Constitution and the Arkansas Code, study the
32 impeachment process used by other states and the United States Government,
33 and consider rules and procedures necessary for the conduct of impeachment
34 trials.

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36 Respectfully submitted,

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