

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-219

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3 REQUESTING THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND
4 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS TO STUDY THE ETHICS LAWS OF THE STATE OF
5 ARKANSAS.

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7 WHEREAS, provisions of Arkansas law that deal with the ethics of
8 elected officials, such as campaign finance laws and restrictions on certain
9 activities, serve as a valuable safeguard to prevent corruption or undue
10 influence of elected officials; and

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12 WHEREAS, in recent years, Arkansas and various other states have
13 considered legislation to strengthen their ethics laws; and

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15 WHEREAS, before enacting any amendments to Arkansas's ethics laws, it
16 is important to ensure that current ethics laws function as intended and to
17 identify any weaknesses in current laws; and

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19 WHEREAS, it is also important to ensure that any additions to the
20 ethics laws of this state would benefit the public interest without imposing
21 an unconstitutional burden,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND
25 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
26 ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the Senate Interim Committee On State Agencies And Governmental
29 Affairs study the current ethics laws of the State of Arkansas to identify
30 any areas in need of revision and consider whether proposed revisions would
31 satisfy constitutional standards.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee request the assistance of the
34 Attorney General of the State of Arkansas or his designee in conducting the
35 review.

1 Respectfully submitted,

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5 Senator Bobby Glover

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