

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-223

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES
4 AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS STUDY THE LAWS AND PROCEDURES FOR
5 PROPOSING A LEGISLATIVE MEASURE BY INITIATIVE PETITION TO ENSURE
6 THAT THE PROCESS FUNCTIONS FAIRLY, PROPERLY, AND FREE FROM FRAUD
7 OR IRREGULARITIES.
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9 WHEREAS, under Article 5, § 1, of the Arkansas Constitution, the power
10 to propose legislative measures, laws, and amendments to the Constitution,
11 and to enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the General
12 Assembly, is reserved to the people of the State of Arkansas; and
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14 WHEREAS, the process and procedures for exercising the people's right
15 to initiate legislative measures, laws, and amendments to the Constitution
16 should function fairly, properly, and free from fraud or irregularities; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of this State should be examined and
19 recommendations made where appropriate to ensure that all aspects of the
20 initiative process function properly, and that appropriate penalties are in
21 place to help ensure the proper functioning of the process,
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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND
25 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
26 ARKANSAS:
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28 THAT the Interim Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental
29 Affairs study the laws and procedures for proposing a legislative measure by
30 initiative by petition to ensure that the process functions fairly and
31 properly, and free from fraud or irregularities.
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1 Respectfully submitted,

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