

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-192

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN
4 AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE & MILITARY AFFAIRS STUDY EXEMPTING
5 VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FROM STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
6 REAL PROPERTY TAXES.

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8 WHEREAS, the state's veterans have proudly served our country and the
9 State of Arkansas; and

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11 WHEREAS, veterans' service organizations, including the Veterans of
12 Foreign Wars of the United States and the American Legion, are organized for
13 the benefit of veterans and are charitable organizations; and

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15 WHEREAS, a study to exempt veterans' service organizations from state
16 and local government real property taxes is necessary,

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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH,
20 LEGISLATIVE & MILITARY AFFAIRS OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
21 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 THAT the Interim House Committee On Aging, Children And Youth,
24 Legislative & Military Affairs study exempting veterans' service
25 organizations from state and local government real property taxes.

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27 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT the study be conducted with the assistance
28 of the Department of Finance and Administration, which shall:

29 (1) Provide to the committee information concerning state and
30 local government real property taxes and other states' real property taxes
31 that are selected by the committee;

32 (2) Provide to the committee information concerning an exemption
33 from state and local government real property taxes for veterans' service
34 organizations and other states' exemptions to property taxes that are
35 selected by the committee;

1 (3) Provide to the committee information concerning the revenues
2 generated by state and local government real property taxes and the other
3 states' revenues from real property taxes selected by the committee, where
4 possible; and

5 (4) Report to the committee all information required by the
6 committee for this study by December 1, 2014.

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8 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT, upon request, other state agencies provide
9 information and assistance to the committee and the department in achieving
10 the purposes of this interim study.

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12 Respectfully submitted,

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