

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-005

REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION,
TECHNOLOGY, AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS STUDY THE EFFECTS OF
BROADBAND SERVICE IN THIS STATE AND THE IMPACT OF ACTS 2011, NO.
1050.

WHEREAS, broadband service in the State of Arkansas is an important
feature that many citizens and municipalities are interested in
understanding; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas enacted Acts 2011, No. 1050, to encourage and support
expansion of broadband service; and

WHEREAS, Acts 2011, No. 1050, expanded the prohibition of certain
government entities from providing data, broadband, video, and wireless
service; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote efficient, comprehensive, and cost
effective broadband service in the State of Arkansas, a study should be done
to understand the full impact of Acts 2011, No. 1050, on broadband service in
this state; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Acts 2011, No. 1050, on municipal broadband
would be beneficial to the citizens of this state,

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
ARKANSAS:

TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF BROADBAND SERVICE IN THIS STATE AND THE IMPACT OF
ACTS 2011, NO. 1050.

Respectfully submitted,