

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

FOR A STUDY OF THE PROVISIONS OF AMENDMENT 35 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION WHICH CREATED THE ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION AND THE PROVISIONS OF AMENDMENT 42 TO THE CONSTITUTION WHICH CREATED THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE TWO AMENDMENTS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND WILL IN THE FUTURE CONTINUE TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES INTENDED BY THE PEOPLE.

WHEREAS, Amendment 35 and Amendment 42 to the Arkansas Constitution created the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Arkansas Highway Commission respectively with the purpose of insulating the two commissions and their agencies from direct political influence; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 35 was adopted in 1945 and Amendment 42 was adopted in 1952; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the two amendments, several changes have been made in the Constitution which may affect the selection of the two Commissions and their respective responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, as a result of subsequent changes, it appears that the two amendments may not in the future accomplish the purposes the people had in mind at the time the amendments were adopted,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Joint Interim Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs is hereby directed to make a study of the provisions of Amendment 35 and Amendment 42 to the Arkansas Constitution and of the history of the events which led to the adoption of those two amendments, and of subsequent constitutional changes and other events having a bearing on the effects of those two amendments, for the purpose of determining whether Amendment 35 and Amendment 42 have in the past and will continue to accomplish the purposes the people intended at the time of the adoption of the amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall report its findings and recommendations including any proposed changes in the Constitution or laws to

the 1989 General Assembly.