

By: Representative Murphy

H.J.R. 1005

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF COUNTY MUSEUMS AND CITY MUSEUMS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the State for approval or rejection at the next general election for Senators and Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon, at such an election, adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

"SECTION 1. The governing body of any city or town may refer to the people at a general election the issue of levying a tax on real and personal property to be used solely for the construction or operation of a city museum. The quorum court of any county may refer to the people at a general election the issue of levying a tax on real and personal property to be used solely for the construction or operation of a county museum. The ballot

[] FOR a mill tax on real and personal property to be used solely for the construction or maintenance of a city museum (or county museum).

[] AGAINST a mill tax on real and personal property to be used solely for the construction or maintenance of a city museum (or county museum).

SECTION 2. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question at the general election vote in favor of the tax, then it

shall thereafter be continually levied and collected as other property taxes of the city or county are levied and collected. The proceeds of any tax voted for the construction or maintenance of a city or county museum shall be used only for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The question of increasing, decreasing or abolishing the city or county museum tax may be placed on a general election ballot by action of the governing body of the city or the quorum court of the county, or upon the petition of no less than one hundred qualified electors within the city or county. If by petition, the petition must be filed with the appropriate officials at least sixty days prior to the general election. The ballot shall follow as far as practicable the form set forth in Section 1."□