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By: Representative Bryan

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY AND LOCAL AFFAIRS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRACOUNTY AND INTERCOUNTY AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THIS STATE.

WHEREAS, the 76th General Assembly modified the plumbing law to require counties to establish permitting and inspections of plumbing installations; and

WHEREAS, the 76th General Assembly enacted the "Arkansas Home Builders Registration Act;" and

WHEREAS, public water systems are expanding into the unincorporated areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, one of the most frequent causes of fire loss in rural areas is faulty electrical installation; and

WHEREAS, although cities and counties may recognize a need to protect the public health and safety of residents through a building code compliance program, that need may not justify a full-time paid position; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state would benefit by potential lower insurance rates and increased tax collections for improvements being timely listed in the tax rolls through development of an inspection program.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT, as soon as possible after the adjournment of this General Assembly, the Joint Interim Committee on City, County and Local Affairs commence a study of the feasibility of intracounty and intercounty agreements to provide code enforcement for new construction in certain incorporated and unincorporated areas of this state to protect the health and safety of residents within those areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Joint Interim Committee report its findings and recommendations for legislation to the Seventy-eighth General Assembly upon completion of its study.