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By: Representative Jones

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY AND LOCAL AFFAIRS TO MAKE A STUDY OF THE CURRENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE AND MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE, SAFETY AND OTHER BUILDING CODES FOR SUCH FACILITIES CONSTRUCTED OUTSIDE URBAN AREAS AND NOT NOW COVERED BY MUNICIPAL FIRE, SAFETY AND OTHER BUILDING CODES.

WHEREAS, large numbers of older persons are moving into retirement communities throughout Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, resort communities are utilizing time share sales and other ownership arrangements to create high density housing for both Arkansans and out-of-state owners; and

WHEREAS, much retirement housing is multi-family and reflects a wide variety of financial arrangements governing ownership and liability; and

WHEREAS, many of the retirement and resort communities are located in rural and unincorporated areas not covered by the fire, safety and building codes in force in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas lacks a state-wide electrical code to insure uniform safety standards in wiring and installing electrical systems; and

WHEREAS, the lives and property of many Arkansans are not adequately protected by existing laws and regulations,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. The Joint Interim Committee on City, County and Local Affairs is hereby requested to make a study of the current laws and regulations relating to electrical fire, safety and other building codes for single and

multiple family residential facilities constructed in rural and unincorporated areas of the state, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of establishing uniform statewide minimum standards for such facilities.

SECTION 2. The Committee is requested to report its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation to the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly.