

1 **State of Arkansas**
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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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8 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY AND
9 LOCAL AFFAIRS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A
10 NEW METHOD OF SETTING AND RAISING COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL
11 OFFICERS_ SALARIES.

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Subtitle

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14 REQUESTING A JOINT INTERIM STUDY OF ESTABLISHING A NEW
15 METHOD OF SETTING AND RAISING COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL
16 OFFICERS_ SALARIES.

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18 WHEREAS, county constitutional officers_ salaries have begun to lag far
19 behind the salaries commensurate of professionals in careers with comparable
20 responsibilities; and

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22 WHEREAS, these salaries have reached a point where the general citizenry
23 of Arkansas are in danger of electing substandard county constitutional
24 officers due to the lack of adequate compensation and the competition from
25 other branches of government and the private sector for the best and
26 brightest citizens from each county; and

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28 WHEREAS, the current method whereby the legislature establishes a broad
29 minimum and maximum salary range by county class, then leaves the actual
30 setting of salaries and providing of salary increases within these broad
31 minimums and maximums to the individual quorum courts has led to a highly
32 politicized process which rewards some without reason and punishes others
33 unjustly,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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4 THAT the Joint Interim Committee on City, County and Local Affairs is
5 hereby requested to conduct a study, to commence as soon as possible upon
6 adjournment of this session, of the feasibility and desirability of
7 establishing a new method of setting salaries and a new system of providing
8 for fair and regular salary increases for the county constitutional officers
9 of the seventy-five counties of Arkansas.

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