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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

8 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO
9 PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF STATEWIDE TAXES FOR SCHOOL FUNDING
10 PURPOSES WITH ALL MONIES COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE
11 STATE TREASURY AND DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS
12 ON A PER STUDENT BASIS.

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Subtitle

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16 FUNDING PURPOSES WITH ALL MONIES DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL
17 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON A PER STUDENT BASIS.

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
21 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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

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30 "SECTION 1. Section 3 of Article 14 of the Arkansas Constitution is
31 hereby amended to read as follows:

32 § 3. School tax.

33 (a) The General Assembly shall provide for support of public schools
34 by general law, including provisions for the levy of equitable statewide
35 taxes for school funding purposes. Such monies shall be collected and

1 deposited in the State Treasury and distributed to the local school districts
2 on an equal per-student basis.

3 (b) At least sixty (60) days in advance of the annual school election,
4 the board of directors of any school district may propose a district tax for
5 local funding purposes and, if a majority of the qualified voters in the
6 school district voting in the annual school election shall approve the
7 district tax, it shall be collected as provided by law until the purpose of
8 the district tax is satisfied or the tax is repealed. A district tax may be
9 repealed if the board of directors of the school district so proposes at
10 least sixty (60) days in advance of the annual school election and a majority
11 of the qualified voters in the school district voting in the annual school
12 election agree. If a district tax is pledged to retire any indebtedness of
13 the school district, the tax shall not be repealed until such indebtedness is
14 paid in full.

15 (c) No statewide or district taxes shall be appropriated for any other
16 purpose than that for which they are levied._

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18 SECTION 2. Section 1 of Amendment 47 to the Arkansas Constitution is
19 hereby amended to read as follows:

20 _§ 1. State ad valorem tax prohibited.

21 No ad valorem tax shall be levied upon property by the State, except as
22 provided under Article 14, § 3 of the Constitution of the state of
23 Arkansas._"

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/s/Rep. K. Wood, et al

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