

1 State of Arkansas

2 80th General Assembly

3 Regular Session, 1995

S.C.R. 11

4 By: Senators Walters, Bookout, Bradford, Edwards, Bell, Brown, Todd, Mahony,
5 and Harriman

6 By: Representatives M. Wilson, Kidd, Harris, Jones, Bisbee, Cunningham,
7 Dietz, McGee, Hudson, Laverty, J. Smith, Critcher, Lynn, Schexnayder, Angel,
8 Sheppard, Wilkins, and Rorie

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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12 PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION AND REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE
13 COUNCIL AND THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEES TO STUDY AND
14 COMMENT THEREON.

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WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that
23 many of the provisions of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, as amended, do
24 not reflect the needs of a modern and vital state government and should be
25 revised; and that the amendment process is not sufficient to effect the
26 necessary revisions; and when the processes of free government are to be
27 modified, the people alone have the unqualified right to change the
28 constitution, and this unqualified right can be constitutionally initiated by
29 means of legislative action of the General Assembly in providing by law for
30 the call of a constitutional convention to propose a new constitution; and

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WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that prior to calling a convention,
32 a working draft of a proposed new constitution should be prepared in order
33 for the people to have input into determining the need for constitutional
34 reform, and be better advised about the serious problems which are created by
35 our present constitution; and

1 WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that this process is most likely to
2 permit maximum opportunity for discussion and debate by the people concerning
3 the need for calling a constitutional convention; and

4 WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that if a working draft has broad
5 agreement and consensus concerning the need for constitutional reform, then
6 the General Assembly may determine a need to appropriate funds necessary for
7 an election to call a constitutional convention,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
11 OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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13 That the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Eightieth
14 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas respectfully request the Governor
15 to prepare a working draft of a proposed new constitution of the State of
16 Arkansas and submit the draft to the General Assembly for review and comment.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate and House of Representatives of
18 the Eightieth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas respectfully request
19 the Legislative Council and the appropriate joint interim committees to
20 study, hold public hearings, and comment upon the working draft of a proposed
21 new constitution of the State of Arkansas submitted to them by the Governor,
22 and to submit their comments to the Governor and each member of the General
23 Assembly in a timely manner to enable the Governor to call the General
24 Assembly into special session for the purpose of calling a constitutional
25 convention.

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