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7 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO
9 GRANT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH FUNDING
10 DISTRICTS; TO GRANT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY TO
11 ESTABLISH THE RATE OF TAX THAT FUNDING DISTRICTS OR SCHOOL
12 DISTRICTS MAY LEVY FOR SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO
13 GRANT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE POWERS
14 AND DUTIES OF FUNDING DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO GRANT ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN
18 REGARD TO FUNDING DISTRICTS.

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

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

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

33 "§ 3. School district tax - Budget - Approval of tax rate by electors.

34 The General Assembly shall provide for the support of common schools by
35 general law, including an annual per capita tax of one dollar, to be assessed

1 on every male inhabitant of this State over the age of twenty-one years; and
2 school districts are hereby authorized to levy by a vote of the qualified
3 electors respectively thereof an annual tax for the maintenance of schools,
4 the erection and equipment of school buildings and the retirement of existing
5 indebtedness, the amount of such tax to be determined in the following
6 manner: The Board of Directors of each school district shall prepare,
7 approve and make public not less than sixty (60) days in advance of the
8 annual school election a proposed budget of expenditures deemed necessary to
9 provide for the foregoing purposes, together with a rate of tax levy
10 sufficient to provide the funds therefor, including the rate under any
11 continuing levy for the retirement of indebtedness. If a majority of the
12 qualified voters in said school district voting in the annual school election
13 shall approve the rate of tax so proposed by the Board of Directors, then the
14 tax at the rate so approved shall be collected as provided by law. In the
15 event a majority of said qualified electors voting in said annual school
16 election shall disapprove the proposed rate of tax, then the tax shall be
17 collected at the rate approved in the last preceding annual school election.

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19 Provided, that no such tax shall be appropriated for any other purpose
20 nor to any other district than that for which it is levied.

21 The General Assembly may provide for funding districts for purposes of
22 distributing state funds for the support of the public schools and may
23 provide a uniform rate of tax within the funding district which shall be used
24 for the support of any school district within the funding district.

25 The General Assembly may establish the minimum and maximum rate of tax
26 that may be levied by funding districts or school districts for the support
27 of the public schools.

28 The General Assembly shall determine the powers and duties of funding
29 districts and school districts."

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