1 State of Arkansas

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4 By: Senator Hopkins

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7   **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE

21 OF ARKANSAS:

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23   THAT the rules of the Senate are amended by inserting an additional

24 rule to read as follows:

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26 "In order to receive a do pass recommendation or a do pass as amended

27 recommendation, any bill mandating costs on cities or counties shall require

28 the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the full membership of the

29 Senate committee unless the committee chairperson has determined that the

30 affected cities and counties have certified to the committee through the

31 governing bodies of the Arkansas Municipal League or the Association of

32 Arkansas Counties that they are aware of the proposed legislation and that

33 the cities or counties are willing to assume the additional financial

34 obligations mandated by the legislation. For purposes of this rule "mandate"

35 means a requirement upon a city or county directing that an action be taken

1 or not taken which affects the finances of the city or county and mandates

2 include but are not limited to required expenditures, preemptions of local

3 financial authority and required add-on utility charges. Proposed

4 legislation dictated by federal law is not a mandate within the meaning of

5 this rule.

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