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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON
9 CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF
10 PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION,
11 AND OPERATION OF THE 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
12 IN ARKANSAS.
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21 WHEREAS, the "Arkansas Public Safety Communications Act of 1985" created
22 a simplified means of procuring local government emergency services in
23 Arkansas to save lives, reduce the destruction of property, aid in the quicker
24 apprehension of criminals, and ultimately save money; and
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26 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to shorten the time and simplify
27 the method required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid through
28 the provision of a single, primary three-digit emergency number through which
29 municipal and county fire suppression, rescue, disaster and major emergency,
30 emergency medical, and law enforcement services may be quickly and efficiently
31 obtained will provide a significant contribution to response by simplifying
32 notification of these local government emergency service responders; and
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34 WHEREAS, the federal government has enacted a new and revolutionary
35 telecommunications law and the Arkansas General Assembly has passed Act 77 of
36 1997, the Arkansas Telecommunications Regulatory Reform Act of 1997 which will

1 radically change telephone, telecommunication, and information services in
2 Arkansas; and

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4 WHEREAS, it is vital for cities, counties and other local governments in
5 Arkansas to keep their fire fighting, search and rescue, disaster and
6 emergency medical, and law enforcement services making progress and
7 maintaining participation with modern and up-to-date emergency communication
8 and emergency services dispatch systems during this time of rapid change in
9 the telecommunication environment,

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11 NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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15 THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas respectfully requests
16 the House and Senate Interim Committees on City, County, and Local Affairs to
17 conduct a study of the participating city, county, and other local
18 governments' funding implementation, and operation of the 911 emergency
19 communications systems in Arkansas and their needs for further changes to
20 respond to the revisions in state and federal telephone and telecommunication
21 regulatory laws; and

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23 FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on City,
24 County, and Local Affairs shall report its findings and prepare any necessary
25 legislation for the Eighty-Second General Assembly in January, 1999.

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