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## 7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 TO SUSPEND THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF  
10 HOUSE BILL 2205 BY THE SENATE.

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### 12 **Subtitle**

13 TO SUSPEND THE JOINT RULES TO PERMIT  
14 CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF HB 2205 BY  
15 THE SENATE.

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17 WHEREAS, Arkansas Code 10-2-124 provides that a bill to change any of  
18 the existing circuit and chancery court districts through redistricting or  
19 providing additional judgeships shall not be acted upon in committee of the  
20 House or Senate until a letter certifying that proposed change meets the  
21 criteria of the Arkansas Judicial Council has been attached to the bill, but  
22 further provides that upon suspension of the Joint Rules of the House and  
23 Senate, a bill may be withdrawn from committee and acted upon without the  
24 certification of the Council attached thereto; and

25 WHEREAS, House Bill 2205 passed the House by a vote of 83-0 on March 19,  
26 was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 21, with a  
27 recommendation of "Do Pass"; and

28 WHEREAS, no Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives had  
29 been adopted when House Bill 2205 was reported out of the Senate Judiciary  
30 Committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation; and

31 WHEREAS, Joint Rules were subsequently adopted but the Joint Rules  
32 adopted contained no provision relating to the procedure to be followed in the  
33 case of bills affecting circuit and chancery court districts; and

34 WHEREAS, Arkansas Code 10-2-124 is vague and indefinite and its  
35 application to House Bill 2205 is uncertain; and

36 WHEREAS, the Senate Rules Committee has determined that 18 votes are

1 required for passage of House Bill 2205 in its current status; and

2           WHEREAS, notwithstanding the above, the Senate and House of  
3 Representatives, as an extra measure of caution, wish to suspend the Joint  
4 Rule and/or Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to consider House  
5 Bill 2205 on the Senate floor,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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11           That the Joint Rule and/or Rules of the Senate and House of  
12 Representatives are hereby suspended for the purpose of consideration and  
13 passage of House Bill 2205 on the Senate floor.

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