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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 "REQUESTING THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CITY,
10 COUNTY AND LOCAL AFFAIRS CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE TERM
11 OF OFFICE FOR MAYORS IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN
12 ARKANSAS, AND DETERMINE IF ANY CHANGES IN LAW NEED TO
13 BE MADE, AND TO RECOMMEND ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION."
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23 WHEREAS, cities of the first class, second class, and incorporated towns
24 which have a mayor-council form of government, and cities with a city-
25 administrator form of government directly elect their mayors, and those mayors
26 are elected to a term of office for four (4) years; and
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28 WHEREAS, general elections are already held every two (2) years and by
29 holding more frequent elections the mayor will be more responsive to the needs
30 and wishes of the citizens of the municipality, and all qualified voters of
31 any municipality should have the opportunity to vote every two (2) years
32 rather than four (4) years for a candidate of their choice; and
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34 WHEREAS, the citizens of Arkansas have shown with the passage of
35 Amendment 73 to the Arkansas Constitution, the Terms Limitation Amendment,
36 that they wish to limit the power of the entrenched incumbency by limiting the

1 Longevity of office of public officials, and that by shortening the terms of
2 municipal mayors, they will become more responsive to the needs and wishes of
3 the people of the city,

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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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9 That the House Interim Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs is
10 requested to conduct a study of the terms of office for Arkansas municipal
11 mayors, and determine if their terms of office need to be shortened to make
12 them more responsive to the people of the city, and that the Committee report
13 their findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or
14 interim reports, to the Eighty-third General Assembly no later than September
15 1, 2000.