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HR 1028

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5 *By: Representative Sheppard*

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 "REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO  
10 CONDUCT AN STUDY OF THE ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING LAW AND  
11 THE FEASIBILITY OF A STATEWIDE FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE  
12 AND TO PROPOSE ANY LEGISLATION, IF NEEDED, TO THE  
13 EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY. "

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16 **Subtitle**

17 "REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE INTERIM  
18 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE STATE FAIR  
19 HOUSING LAW AND THE NEED FOR A STATEWIDE  
20 FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE. "

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23 *WHEREAS, the federal government enacted the federal fair housing laws in*  
24 *the 1960's to assure that fair and equal housing opportunities are available*  
25 *to all persons in Arkansas and throughout the United States, and extensive*  
26 *federal regulations and statutes and case law have sprung up around those fair*  
27 *housing laws providing procedures for enforcement; and*

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29 *WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly enacted the Arkansas Fair Housing*  
30 *Act, Act 1327 of 1995, giving all Arkansas citizens the opportunity to obtain*  
31 *housing and other real estate without discrimination because of religion,*  
32 *race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or familial status and has*  
33 *recognized and declared fair housing to be a civil right; and*

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35 *WHEREAS, since Arkansas' law was only recently enacted and since the*  
36 *federal laws have been in existence for many years, it is possible that*

1 *changes may be needed for consistency in Arkansas law when compared to the*  
2 *federal law, and that some statewide board or commission might be needed to*  
3 *provide oversight for the goals of fair and equal housing opportunities for*  
4 *all persons in Arkansas,*

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6 *NOW THEREFORE,*

7 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL*  
8 *ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS;*

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10 *That the Arkansas Legislative Council is asked to refer this request to*  
11 *the appropriate interim committee of the Arkansas House of Representatives to*  
12 *conduct a study of the Arkansas Fair Housing law and the feasibility of*  
13 *creating a Statewide Fair Housing Committee and to determine if there is a*  
14 *need to change the laws and create the body to better serve the needs of all*  
15 *people in Arkansas, and that the committee report their recommendations,*  
16 *including any proposed legislation, to the Eighty-third General Assembly.*

17 */s/Sheppard*

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