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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

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15 **Subtitle**

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

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

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

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34 WHEREAS, since Arkansas' law was only recently enacted and since the
35 federal laws have been in existence for many years, it is possible that
36 changes may be needed for consistency in Arkansas law when compared to the

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

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5 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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