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5 By: Senator Holt
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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 DIRECTING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD TO
10 ESTABLISH RULES REGARDING PERMITS AND TO CEASE
11 ISSUING PERMITS IN COUNTIES THAT PROHIBIT THE
12 MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 DIRECTING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
16 BOARD TO ESTABLISH RULES REGARDING
17 PERMITS AND TO CEASE ISSUING PERMITS IN
18 DRY COUNTIES.
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21 WHEREAS, Act 132 of 1969 authorized the Alcoholic Beverage Control
22 Board to establish rules with respect to the issuance of permits to sell
23 alcoholic beverages in hotels, restaurants, and private clubs; and
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25 WHEREAS, in 1969 when Act 132 was passed, the General Assembly was
26 searching for ways to expand the economy; and
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28 WHEREAS, the 2000 census data indicated that "dry" counties in which it
29 is unlawful to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquor had a greater
30 population increase from 1990 to 2000 than did "wet" counties in which the
31 manufacture and sell of intoxicating liquor was lawful; and
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33 WHEREAS, this increase in population indicates a greater business and
34 industrial growth in the "dry" counties; and
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36 WHEREAS, this increase in population indicates that people are



1 preferring to live in "dry" counties; and

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3 WHEREAS, the census data indicates that the availability of alcohol is
4 not as essential for economic growth as was earlier believed; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Alcohol Beverage Control Board has issued permits for the
7 sale of alcohol in "dry" counties; and

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9 WHEREAS, considerable opposition has developed in many "dry" counties
10 to the presence of alcohol permits; and

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12 WHEREAS, the presence of alcohol in "dry" counties appears to be in
13 conflict with the will of the people in those counties as evidenced by the
14 vote of the people that the county be "dry",

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN;

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20 That the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall
21 establish rules with respect to permits for the sale of alcohol in "dry"
22 counties so that the issuance of alcohol permits in "dry" counties will cease
23 and recommendations that apply to changes requested to existing permits in
24 "dry" counties will cease.

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