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2 91st General Assembly
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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 TO REQUEST THAT THE ARKANSAS STATE SOCIAL SECURITY
9 ADMINISTRATOR HOLD A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER
10 A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11 DESIRE FULL SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE.
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR HOLD A REFERENDUM
17 TO DETERMINE WHETHER A MAJORITY OF THE
18 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESIRE
19 FULL SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE.
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23 WHEREAS, in 1950 the State of Arkansas entered into a voluntary
24 agreement with the United States Government concerning coverage for state and
25 local employees under Section 218 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301
26 et seq.; and
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28 WHEREAS, under the voluntary agreement with the United States
29 Government concerning coverage for state and local employees under Section
30 218 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq., members of the
31 General Assembly are excluded from paying Social Security taxes on the salary
32 paid to the members for their service as legislators; and
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34 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly wish to be subject to the
35 Social Security tax on the salary paid to the members for their service as
36 legislators; and



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2 WHEREAS, to opt in to payment of Social Security taxes under the
3 voluntary agreement with the United States Government concerning coverage for
4 state and local employees under Section 218 of the Social Security Act, 42
5 U.S.C. § 301 et seq., the General Assembly is required to adopt a resolution
6 stating its intent and submit the resolution to the Arkansas State Social
7 Security Administrator, who shall coordinate the referendum process required
8 to allow the members to vote on whether to opt in to paying Social Security
9 taxes on the salary paid to the members for their service as legislators; and
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11 WHEREAS, it is the express purpose and intention of the General
12 Assembly to extend an opportunity to participate in full Social Security on
13 as broad a basis as is permitted under applicable state and federal law; and
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15 WHEREAS, the General Assembly is required to create a referendum
16 election committee to help oversee the referendum process,
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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
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22 THAT the General Assembly requests that the Arkansas State Social
23 Security Administrator authorize a referendum to determine whether a majority
24 of the members of the General Assembly desire full Social Security coverage,
25 effective beginning the date of the referendum.
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the co-chairs of the Legislative Council
28 appoint the members of the referendum election committee, including a
29 chairperson and an alternate member.
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief
32 Clerk of the House of Representatives mail a notarized and certified copy of
33 this resolution and a completed referendum election committee form to the
34 Arkansas State Social Security Administrator, who shall begin the referendum
35 process required to allow the members of the General Assembly to opt in to
36 paying Social Security taxes on the salary paid to them for their service as

1 legislators.

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