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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 TO REQUEST THAT THE ARKANSAS STATE SOCIAL SECURITY
9 ADMINISTRATOR HOLD A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER
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14 **Subtitle**

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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
24 ARKANSAS:

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26 WHEREAS, in 1950 the State of Arkansas entered into a voluntary
27 agreement with the United States Government concerning coverage for state and
28 local employees under Section 218 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301
29 et seq.; and

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31 WHEREAS, under the voluntary agreement with the United States
32 Government concerning coverage for state and local employees under Section
33 218 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq., members of the
34 General Assembly are excluded from paying Social Security taxes on the salary
35 paid to the members for their service as legislators; and



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

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
23 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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25 THAT the General Assembly request that the Arkansas State Social
26 Security Administrator authorize a referendum to determine whether a majority
27 of the members of the General Assembly desire full Social Security coverage,
28 effective beginning the date of the referendum.
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the cochairs of the Legislative Council
31 appoint the members of the referendum election committee, including a
32 chairperson and an alternate member.
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the
35 Secretary of the Senate mail a notarized and certified copy of this
36 resolution and a completed referendum election committee form to the Arkansas

1 State Social Security Administrator, who shall begin the referendum process
2 required to allow the members of the General Assembly to opt in to paying
3 Social Security taxes on the salary paid to the members for their service as
4 legislators.

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