

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-116

REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY STUDY AND DEVELOP RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPEACHMENT PROCESS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution Article 15, § 2, states that all impeachments shall be tried by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has codified limited procedures for the impeachment process in § 21-12-201 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, while impeachment is occasionally referenced as a possible option when considering alleged misconduct by elected officials, the Senate lacks procedural rules to conduct an impeachment trial; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Senate to review the laws and history addressing the impeachment process and consider necessary rules and procedures for the effective conduct of impeachment trials within its chamber; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the processes for impeachment used by other states and the United States Government to ensure the rules, procedures, and processes are similar,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

THAT the Senate Committee on Judiciary study the impeachment process envisioned by the Arkansas Constitution and the Arkansas Code, study the impeachment process used by other states and the United States Government, and consider rules and procedures necessary for the conduct of impeachment trials.

Respectfully submitted,

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