

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Second Extraordinary Session, 1994**
4 **By: Judiciary Committee**
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Call Item 42

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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY TO
9 STUDY PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE 1995 REGULAR SESSION
10 THE LAWS OF TENURE IN THE STATE SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF
11 HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE DESIRABILITY AND NECESSITY OF
12 OPERATING TWO LAW SCHOOLS WITHIN THIS STATE.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY TO
16 STUDY THE COLLEGE TENURE LAWS AND THE DESIRABILITY OF
17 OPERATING TWO LAW SCHOOLS.

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19 WHEREAS, the end of mandatory retirement laws has the possibility of
20 extending the period of time that tenured members of college and university
21 faculties will remain actively engaged in faculty functions on college and
22 university campuses; and

23 WHEREAS, without an increasing number of students attending colleges and
24 universities, the need for additional tenured faculty members will not
25 increase; and

26 WHEREAS, academic tenure has increasingly come under attack from many
27 groups across the nation, threatening the vitality of the academic profession
28 and the core of college and university governance; and

29 WHEREAS, the tenure laws of the State of Arkansas may be in need of
30 revision and/or modification; and

31 WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the State of Arkansas presently finance a law
32 school at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and a law school at the
33 University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and

34 WHEREAS, operating two law schools in this State costs the taxpayers
35 approximately seven and one-half million dollars per year; and

36 WHEREAS, there is considerable debate as to whether the legal profession

1 is overpopulated; and

2 WHEREAS, if that is the case, the results are detrimental not only to
3 the graduates but also to the population they will attempt to serve; and

4 WHEREAS, it would be of great assistance to the members of the General
5 Assembly for the Joint Interim Committee on Judiciary to study the issue prior
6 to the convening of the 1995 regular session during which the next biennium's
7 appropriation for the two law schools will be dealt with,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE
11 SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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14 That the Joint Interim Committee on Judiciary is requested to study
15 prior to the convening of the 1995 regular session the laws of tenure in the
16 state supported institutions of higher education, and the desirability and
17 necessity of operating two law schools within this state.

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