

By: Senator Teague

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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



WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly wish to be subject to the Social Security tax on the salary paid to the members for their service as legislators; and

WHEREAS, to opt in to payment of Social Security taxes under the voluntary agreement with the United States Government concerning coverage for state and local employees under Section 218 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq., the General Assembly is required to adopt a resolution stating its intent and submit the resolution to the Arkansas State Social Security Administrator, who shall coordinate the referendum process required to allow the members to vote on whether to opt in to paying Social Security taxes on the salary paid to the members for their service as legislators; and

WHEREAS, it is the express purpose and intention of the General Assembly to extend an opportunity to participate in full Social Security on as broad a basis as is permitted under applicable state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is required to create a referendum election committee to help oversee the referendum process,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the General Assembly request that the Arkansas State Social Security Administrator authorize a referendum to determine whether a majority of the members of the General Assembly desire full Social Security coverage, effective beginning the date of the referendum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the cochairs of the Legislative Council appoint the members of the referendum election committee, including a chairperson and an alternate member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate mail a notarized and certified copy of this resolution and a completed referendum election committee form to the Arkansas

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