

## Proposed Resolution 23-01

Sponsored by Justice Allison (and any other Justices who would like to co-sponsor)

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, State of Arkansas: A Resolution to encourage Arkansas State Legislators to pass proposed House Bill 1048 in the 2023 Legislative Session and to encourage the Governor of Arkansas to sign HB 1048 once passed by the State Legislature.

WHEREAS, according to the Faulkner County official website, the Quorum Court is the “voice of the people” concerning county issues in their districts.

WHEREAS, as provided by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 55, § 1, Part (a), a county government, acting through its county quorum court, may exercise local legislative authority not expressly prohibited by the Arkansas Constitution or by law for the affairs of the county.

WHEREAS, according to § 14-14-1101, in presiding over the quorum court, the county judge shall perform such duties in connection therewith as may be provided by state law and in accordance with rules and procedures promulgated by the court for the conduct of its business.

WHEREAS, Separation of Powers is a fundamental principle of government in the United States of America and the State of Arkansas that provides checks and balances at the State and Federal levels to prevent any one branch of government from becoming too powerful.

WHEREAS, placing the authority for creating committees and determining the manner of appointment to quorum court committees in the hands of the Quorum Court will preserve the Separation of Powers and strengthen the role of the Quorum Court as the “voice of the people.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1: The Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas declares its support for HB 1048 in the 2023 Legislative Session of the State of Arkansas.

Section 2: The Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas encourages every State Representative and State Senator who represent Faulkner County residents in the Legislature to vote FOR HB 1048 in any and all relevant Committees, and on the floor of their respective chambers.

Section 3: The Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas encourages the Governor of Arkansas to sign HB 1048 when and if it is passed by both houses of the State Legislature.

Passed by the Quorum Court on January 17, 2023.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Darter  
Faulkner County Secretariat  
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Affirm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allen Dodson  
Faulkner County Judge  
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dated: January 18, 2023

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