

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas
Constitution.**

1 State of Arkansas
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5 By: Senator Miller
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
24 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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26 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
27 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
28 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Senators and
29 Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the
30 election, adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the
31 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:
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33 SECTION 1. Article 14, Section 3(a) of the Arkansas Constitution is
34 amended to read as follows:

35 (a)(1) The General Assembly shall provide for the support of common
36 schools by general law. In order to provide quality education, it is the



1 goal of this state to provide a fair system for the distribution of funds.
2 It is recognized that, in providing such a system, some funding variations
3 may be necessary. The primary reason for allowing such variations is to
4 allow school districts, to the extent permissible, to raise additional funds
5 to enhance the educational system within the school district. It is further
6 recognized that funding variations or restrictions thereon may be necessary
7 in order to comply with, or due to, ~~other provisions of this Constitution,~~
8 the United States Constitution, ~~state or~~ federal laws, or federal court
9 orders.

10 (2) The amount of state funds to be distributed to school
11 districts and funding formula for distributing state funds to the school
12 districts shall be determined by the General Assembly by law, and shall not
13 be subject to review by any court of this state.

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15 SECTION 2. This amendment shall become effective on January 1, 2005.
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