

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

1 State of Arkansas
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9 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

10 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS
11 CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL SESSIONS OF
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16 **Subtitle**

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24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
25 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
26 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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28 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
29 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
30 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Senators and
31 Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the
32 election, adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the
33 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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35 SECTION 1. Article 5, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of
36 Arkansas is amended to read as follows:



1 § 5. Time of meeting.

2 (a) The General Assembly shall meet at the seat of government ~~every~~
 3 ~~two years on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in November until said~~
 4 ~~time be altered by law~~ at the time prescribed by law during each odd numbered
 5 year and each even numbered year.

6 (b) Only bills appropriating funds, bills restricting the use of
 7 funds, bills to raise or decrease revenues, bills of an emergency nature,
 8 proposed amendments to the Arkansas Constitution, confirmation of
 9 appointments made by the Governor, and impeachments may be acted upon during
 10 the regular session held in even numbered years.

11 (c) In addition to special sessions called by the Governor, special
 12 sessions of the General Assembly may be convened as provided by law and
 13 subject only to such restrictions as provided by law.

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 15 SECTION 2. Article 5, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of
 16 Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

17 § 17. Duration of sessions.

18 (a) The regular ~~biennial~~ sessions held during odd numbered years shall
 19 not exceed sixty (60) calendar days in duration, unless by a vote of two-
 20 thirds of the members elected to each house of ~~said the~~ General Assembly.

21 (b) The regular sessions held during even numbered years shall not
 22 exceed sixty (60) calendar days in duration, unless by a vote of two-thirds
 23 of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly.

24 (c) Provided, that this section shall not apply to the first session
 25 of the General Assembly under this Constitution, or when impeachments are
 26 pending.

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 28 SECTION 3. This amendment becomes effective January 1, 2005.
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