

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

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S3/12/03*

2 84th General Assembly

3 Regular Session, 2003

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

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STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL

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MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of

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the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state

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for approval or rejection at the next general election for Senators and

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Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the

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election, adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the

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Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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SECTION 1. Article 5, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of

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Arkansas is amended to read as follows:



§ 5. Time of meeting.

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

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

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

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

§ 17. Duration of sessions.

(a)(1) The regular ~~biennial~~ sessions held during odd numbered years shall not exceed sixty (60) legislative days in duration during a period of eighty-five (85) calendar days, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of ~~said~~ the General Assembly the number of legislative days, calendar days, or both are extended.

(2) A legislative day is a calendar day when either house of the General Assembly is in session.

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

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

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

/s/ J. Bookout