

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:
RELEVANT LAWS

Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly, SCR 1.

Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments

Section 21. The Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments shall consist of the members of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the members of the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs. No proposed constitutional amendment shall be recommended to either house of the General Assembly except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Senate members of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments and an affirmative vote of a majority of the House members of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. No resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be filed in either the House of Representatives or the Senate after the thirty-first (31st) day of each regular session of the General Assembly. All resolutions proposing constitutional amendments shall be referred to the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. Other resolutions proposing constitutional amendments shall not be reported to or considered by either house of the General Assembly until the original recommendations of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments are disposed of by both Houses. A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment may be considered only during a regular session.

Constitution of the State of Arkansas of 1874, Article 19, § 22. Constitutional amendments.

Either branch of the General Assembly, at a regular session thereof, may propose amendments to this Constitution; and if the same be agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house, such proposed amendments shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and nays, and published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is published, for six months immediately preceding the next general election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the electors of the State, for approval or rejection; and if a majority of the electors voting at such election adopt such amendments, the same shall become a part of this Constitution. But no more than three amendments shall be proposed or submitted at the same time. They shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:
POSSIBLE AREAS TO ADDRESS TO INCREASE
THE EFFICIENCY OF THE COMMITTEE

- a. Meetings: Dates and regularity.
- b. Shell resolutions presenting constitutional amendments: Deadlines to 'fill in' .
- c. The order in which the committee addresses the resolutions presenting constitutional amendments.
- d. How many resolutions presenting constitutional amendments are referred to the full body of the General Assembly, and how the committee will determine which ones are referred if they refer less than the maximum number allowed.
- e. Other areas to increase the efficiency of the committee.