

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

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT  
10 7 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO  
11 AUTHORIZE THE SUPREME COURT TO ISSUE ADVISORY  
12 OPINIONS WITH RESPECT TO BALLOT TITLES; TO  
13 AUTHORIZE THE SUPREME COURT TO SET DEADLINES TO  
14 ENSURE PLACEMENT OF THE PETITIONS ON THE BALLOT;  
15 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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19 TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPREME COURT OF  
20 ARKANSAS TO ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS WITH  
21 RESPECT TO BALLOT TITLES AND TO  
22 AUTHORIZE THE SUPREME COURT TO SET  
23 DEADLINES TO ENSURE PLACEMENT OF THE  
24 PETITIONS ON THE BALLOT.  
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27 SECTION 1. Unnumbered paragraph 21 of Amendment 7 to the Constitution  
28 of the State of Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

29 Sufficiency - (a) The sufficiency of all State-wide petitions shall be  
30 decided in the first instance by the Secretary of State, subject to review by  
31 the Supreme Court of the State, which shall have original and exclusive  
32 jurisdiction over all such causes.

33 (b)(1) The Supreme Court shall review the petition and in the event the  
34 Supreme Court determines that the ballot title is insufficient, the Supreme  
35 Court shall issue an advisory opinion correcting the ballot title.

36 (2) The Supreme Court shall establish appropriate deadlines for

1 submission of the petition to the court in order to ensure that the petition  
2 is placed on the general election ballot.

3 (c) The sufficiency of all local petitions shall be decided in the  
4 first instance by the county clerk or the city clerk, as the case may be,  
5 subject to review by the Chancery Court.

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