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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1819

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING BALLOT TITLES AND POPULAR NAMES OF
9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING BALLOT TITLES AND POPULAR
14 NAMES OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
15 PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-9-204 is amended to read as follows:

22 7-9-204. Ballot titles and popular names of constitutional amendments
23 proposed by the legislature.

24 (a)(1) The General Assembly ~~may~~ shall designate in the joint
25 resolution proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution the popular
26 name and ballot title of the amendment for the election ballot.

27 (2) The ballot title designated under subdivision (a)(1) of this
28 section shall briefly and concisely state the purpose of the proposed
29 amendment.

30 (b)(1) Within thirty (30) days of the passage of a joint resolution
31 proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution, the Attorney General
32 shall:

33 (A) Determine the sufficiency of the ballot title and
34 popular name of the proposed amendment; and

35 (B)(i) Approve and certify the popular name and ballot
36 title of the proposed amendment; or



1 (ii) Substitute and certify a more suitable and
2 correct ballot title and popular name for the proposed amendment.

3 (2) When determining the sufficiency of a ballot title or
4 popular name and approving or substituting a ballot title or popular name
5 under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the Attorney General shall apply
6 the same standard applied to the approval and substitution of ballot titles
7 and popular names for initiative and referendum petitions under § 7-9-107.

8 (3) A ballot title substituted by the Attorney General under
9 subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall briefly and concisely state the
10 purpose of the proposed amendment.

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