

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

1 State of Arkansas  
2 91st General Assembly  
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7 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE  
9 THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE  
10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTAIN A BALLOT TITLE; AND  
11 PROVIDING THAT THE BALLOT TITLE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL  
12 AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BE SUBJECT  
13 TO THE SAME STANDARD OF REVIEW APPLIED TO THE BALLOT  
14 TITLES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
15 INITIATED BY THE PEOPLE OF ARKANSAS UNDER ARKANSAS  
16 CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1.

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19 **Subtitle**

20 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION  
21 CONCERNING THE BALLOT TITLES OF  
22 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE  
23 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
28 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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



1 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 22, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 § 22. Constitutional amendments.

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

16 (b) A proposed amendment under subsection (a) of this section shall  
17 include the exact title to be used on the ballot, which shall be placed upon  
18 the ballot by the Secretary of State.

19 (c) It is the intent of this section that:

20 (1) Amendments to this Constitution proposed by the General  
21 Assembly under Article 19, § 22, and Amendment 70, § 2, of this Constitution  
22 contain a ballot title; and

23 (2) That the ballot title of amendments to this Constitution  
24 proposed by the General Assembly be subject to the same standard of review  
25 applied to the ballot titles of proposed amendments to this Constitution  
26 initiated by the people of this State under Article 5, § 1, of this  
27 Constitution.

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 70, § 2, is amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 § 2. Additional Constitutional amendments authorized.

32 (a) In addition to the three amendments to the Constitution allowed  
33 pursuant to Article 19, § 22, either branch of the General Assembly at a  
34 regular session thereof may propose an amendment to the Constitution to  
35 change the salaries for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
36 Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Commissioner of

1 State Lands, and Auditor of State and for members of the General Assembly.  
2 If the same be agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house,  
3 such proposed amendment shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and  
4 nays, and published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a  
5 newspaper is published, for six months immediately preceding the next general  
6 election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be  
7 submitted to the electors of the State for approval or rejection. If a  
8 majority of the electors voting at such election adopt the amendment the same  
9 shall become a part of this Constitution. Only one amendment to the  
10 Constitution may be referred pursuant to this section.

11 (b) A proposed amendment under subsection (a) of this section shall  
12 include the exact title to be used on the ballot, which shall be placed upon  
13 the ballot by the Secretary of State.

14 (c) It is the intent of this section that:

15 (1) Amendments to this Constitution proposed by the General  
16 Assembly under Article 19, § 22, and Amendment 70, § 2, of this Constitution  
17 contain a ballot title; and

18 (2) That the ballot title of amendments to this Constitution  
19 proposed by the General Assembly be subject to the same standard of review  
20 applied to the ballot titles of proposed amendments to this Constitution  
21 initiated by the people of this state under Article 5, § 1, of this  
22 Constitution.

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24 SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed  
25 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election  
26 ballot:

27 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot  
28 title; and

29 (2) The popular name shall be "A Proposed Amendment to the  
30 Arkansas Constitution to Require that Constitutional Amendments Proposed by  
31 the General Assembly Contain a Ballot Title that is Subject to the Same  
32 Standard of Review Applied to Constitutional Amendments Initiated by the  
33 People of this State."

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