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5 By: Senator Rapert  
6 By: Representative Ballinger

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8 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 AN APPLICATION TO CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR  
10 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT UNDER UNITED STATES  
11 CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING  
12 AN AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING FROM  
13 THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION IS A PERSON AND ENTITLED TO  
14 THE RIGHT TO LIFE.

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17 **Subtitle**

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19 CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO  
20 THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION PROVIDING  
21 THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING IS ENTITLED TO THE  
22 RIGHT TO LIFE.

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

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29 THAT the Arkansas General Assembly does hereby make application to the  
30 United States Congress, pursuant to United States Constitution, Article V, to  
31 call a convention for proposing an amendment to the United States  
32 Constitution with the sole agenda of proposing the following amendment to the  
33 United States Constitution:

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35 SECTION 1. With respect to the right of life guaranteed in the  
36 United States Constitution and to provide that every human being subject to



1 the jurisdiction of the United States or any State shall be deemed from the  
2 moment of conception to be a person and entitled to the right to life,  
3 neither the United States nor any State shall:

4 (1) Deprive any human being, from the moment of conception, of  
5 life without due process of law; or

6 (2) Deny to any human being, from the moment of conception,  
7 within its jurisdiction, the equal protection of the law.

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9 SECTION 2. Congress and the several States shall have the power to  
10 enforce this amendment by appropriate legislation.

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitute a continuing  
13 application in accordance with United States Constitution, Article V, until  
14 the legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states have made  
15 application on the subject of proposing an amendment as specified in this  
16 joint resolution.

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application for a convention for  
19 proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution shall be aggregated  
20 with applications from other states on the same subject for the purpose of  
21 attaining the two-thirds (2/3) majority needed to require the United States  
22 Congress to call a limited Article V convention as specified in this joint  
23 resolution, but not aggregated with any other applications for a convention  
24 for proposing amendments on any other subject.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application for a convention  
27 for proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution be delivered to  
28 the President of the United States, the President of the United States  
29 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each  
30 member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, and to the presiding officer  
31 of each house of the legislature of each state.

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