

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

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE KNOWN AS THE

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"ARKANSAS TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT"; AND AMENDING THE

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TERM LIMITS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL

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THE ARKANSAS TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

21 STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL

22 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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24 THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
25 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
26 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
27 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
28 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
29 the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 73, § 2, is amended to
32 read as follows:

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§ 2. Legislative Branch.

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(a) The Arkansas House of Representatives shall consist of members to
35 be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several
36 counties.



1 (b) The Arkansas Senate shall consist of members to be chosen every
2 four (4) years by the qualified electors of the several districts.

3 (c)(1)(A) A Except as provided in subdivision (c)(1)(E) of this
4 section, a person first elected as a member of the General Assembly before
5 January 1, 2021, shall serve no more than sixteen (16) years, whether
6 consecutive or nonconsecutive.

7 ~~(2)(B)~~ A member first elected as a member of the General
8 Assembly before January 1, 2021, who completes his or her sixteenth year of
9 service during a term of office for which he or she has been elected may
10 serve until the completion of that term of office.

11 ~~(3)(C)~~ The years of service in both the Senate and the
12 House of Representatives shall be added together and included to determine
13 the total number of years in office of a member of the General Assembly first
14 elected as a member of the General Assembly before January 1, 2021.

15 ~~(4)(D)~~ A partial legislative term served as a result of a
16 special election under Article 5, § 6, or a two-year term served as a result
17 of apportionment of the Senate shall not be included in calculating the total
18 number of years served by a member of the General Assembly first elected as a
19 member of the General Assembly before January 1, 2021.

20 (E)(i) A person who has served sixteen (16) years in the General
21 Assembly under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section shall not be eligible
22 for subsequent service in the General Assembly until four (4) years after the
23 expiration of the last term of office in the General Assembly for which he or
24 she was elected.

25 (ii) Subsequent service in the General Assembly
26 under subdivision (c)(1)(E)(i) of this section shall be as provided under
27 subdivision (c)(2) of this section.

28 (2)(A)(i) A person first elected as a member of the General
29 Assembly on or after January 1, 2021, shall serve no more than twelve (12)
30 consecutive years.

31 (ii) A member of the General Assembly first elected
32 to the General Assembly on or after January 1, 2021, who serves twelve (12)
33 or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for subsequent service in the
34 General Assembly until four (4) years after the expiration of the last term
35 of office in the General Assembly for which he or she was elected.

36 (B) A member first elected to the General Assembly on or

1 after January 1, 2021, who completes his or her twelfth consecutive year of
2 service during a term of office for which he or she has been elected may
3 serve until the completion of that term of office.

4 (C) Consecutive years of service in both the Senate and
5 the House of Representatives shall be added together and included to
6 determine the total number of consecutive years in office of a member first
7 elected to the General Assembly on or after January 1, 2021.

8 (D)(i) A two-year term served as a result of apportionment
9 of the Senate shall be included in calculating the total number of
10 consecutive years served by a member of the General Assembly first elected to
11 the General Assembly on or after January 1, 2021.

12 (ii) A partial legislative term served as a result
13 of a special election to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly shall not be
14 included in calculating the total number of consecutive years served by a
15 member of the General Assembly first elected to the General Assembly on or
16 after January 1, 2021.

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 73, § 6, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 § 6. Application.

21 (a) ~~This~~ Except as provided in § 2(c) of this Amendment, this
22 Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution shall take effect and be in operation
23 on January 1, 1993, and its provisions shall be applicable to all person
24 thereafter seeking election to the offices specified in this Amendment.

25 (b) All laws and constitutional provisions which conflict with this
26 Amendment are hereby repealed to the extent that they conflict with this
27 amendment.

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29 SECTION 3. This amendment shall be effective on and after January 1,
30 2021.

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32 SECTION 4. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
33 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
34 ballot:

35 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot
36 title; and

