

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

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2021

HJR 1001

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5 By: Representatives Cavanaugh, Vaught, M. Gray, Lundstrum, Payton, B. Smith, Rye, Bentley, Brown,  
6 Furman, Underwood, Lowery, Wooten, Beatty Jr., Gonzales, M. Berry, Dotson, McCollum, Gazaway,  
7 Bryant, Evans, Richmond, C. Cooper  
8 By: Senators B. Davis, T. Garner, Hill

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

11 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW  
12 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE ITSELF IN  
13 EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UPON THE JOINT PROCLAMATION OF  
14 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
15 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

**Subtitle**

19 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION  
20 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO  
21 CONVENE ITSELF IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION.

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
25 OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

34 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5, is amended to read  
35 as follows:

36 § 5. Regular and fiscal sessions.



1 (a) The General Assembly shall meet at the seat of government every  
2 year.

3 (b) The General Assembly shall meet in regular session on the second  
4 Monday in January of each odd-numbered year to consider any bill or  
5 resolution. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the regular  
6 session begins.

7 (c)(1) Beginning in 2010, the General Assembly shall meet in fiscal  
8 session on the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year to  
9 consider only appropriation bills. The General Assembly may alter the time at  
10 which the fiscal session begins.

11 (2) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in  
12 a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the  
13 General Assembly approve consideration of the bill.

14 (d) The General Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members  
15 elected to each house of the General Assembly, may alter the dates of the  
16 regular session and fiscal session so that regular sessions occur in even  
17 numbered years and the fiscal sessions occur in odd-numbered years.

18 (e)(1)(A) The General Assembly shall meet in extraordinary session  
19 upon the joint proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
20 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

21 (B) The General Assembly may consider any type or subject  
22 matter of legislation at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of  
23 this section.

24 (2)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall  
25 establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under  
26 subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

27 (B) Joint rules established under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of  
28 this section may include without limitation:

29 (i) A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary  
30 session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section; and

31 (ii) A provision permitting the General Assembly, by  
32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to both houses, to remain in  
33 session for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of  
34 an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

35 (C) Rules established under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this  
36 section may be amended by the General Assembly.

1           (3) This section does not restrict the authority of the Governor  
2 to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly under Arkansas  
3 Constitution, Article 6, § 19.

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5           SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and  
6 after November 9, 2022.

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

11           (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot  
12 title; and

13           (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to  
14 Allow the General Assembly to Convene Itself in Extraordinary Session Upon  
15 the Joint Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
16 President Pro Tempore of the Senate".

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