

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

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

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

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



1 § 5. Regular and fiscal sessions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (C) Rules established under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this

1 section may be amended by the General Assembly.

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

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

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

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

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

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