

**AGENDA (Revised 3/9/15 @ 12:25 PM  
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House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs  
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**Monday, March 09, 2015  
30 MINUTES UPON ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE  
Room 151, State Capitol  
Little Rock, Arkansas**

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HB1422</a>	Bell	TO PROMOTE VOTER TURNOUT; AND TO AMEND THE LAW TO LIMIT THE DATES ON WHICH CERTAIN SPECIAL ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD.
<a href="#">HB1440</a>	Dotson	TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE.
<a href="#">SB365</a>	Elliott	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION AND THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO PAY FOR THE ACCRUED LEAVE OF AN OFFICER WHO DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY.
<a href="#">HB1054</a>	Bell	TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; TO ENSURE THAT CLOSED MEETINGS HELD BY PUBLIC ENTITIES ARE CONDUCTED LAWFULLY; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.
<a href="#">HB1405</a>	Bentley	CONCERNING FEES AND COSTS COLLECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
<a href="#">HB1119</a>	Love	TO ELIMINATE THE DUAL STATUS OF THE STATE HOLIDAY CELEBRATING ROBERT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATE HOLIDAY CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
<a href="#">HR1031</a>	G. Hodges	TO URGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROPOSE THE REGULATION FREEDOM AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.
<a href="#">HB1616</a>	Love	TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION; AND TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.
<a href="#">SB723</a>	Hickey	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT.
<a href="#">HB1233</a>	Della Rosa	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE FILING OF CERTAIN REPORTS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996.
<a href="#">HB1669</a>	Womack	TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; AND TO PROTECT A CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO OBSERVE AND RECORD PUBLIC EVENTS.
<a href="#">HB1682</a>	Tucker	TO ALLOW A VOTER TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON THE DAY OF AN ELECTION OR DURING EARLY VOTING; AND TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.
<a href="#">HB1687</a>	Ballinger	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BALLOT QUESTIONS; AND TO ADD CLARITY TO THE FORMAT OF A BALLOT QUESTION.
<a href="#">HB1688</a>	Ballinger	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MUNICIPAL INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS; AND TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR CIRCULATION OF MUNICIPAL INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS.
<a href="#">HB1729</a>	Copeland	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS SUNSET ACT OF 2015; TO PROVIDE FOR SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF AGENCIES; AND TO ENCOURAGE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS.
<a href="#">HB1730</a>	Bell	TO ELIMINATE EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT REGULATION; TO CREATE SYSTEMATIC

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REVIEW OF OLD RULES; TO PREVENT RULES FROM BECOMING ANTIQUATED; AND TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF OLD RULES BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

[HB1737](#) Branscum PROVIDING THAT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PROMULGATED BY A STATE AGENCY SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

[HB1743](#) Sorvillo TO ALIGN ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS WITH GENERAL ELECTIONS; AND TO AMEND OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

#### **PENDING ACTUARIAL STUDY**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HB1401](#) Love TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DEATH BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

#### **DEFERRED BILLS**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HB1271](#) Harris TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; AND TO REQUIRE THE ELECTION OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

[HB1425](#) Tucker TO REQUIRE REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE OF ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS.

[HJR1001](#) House AN APPLICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS.

### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

#### **EDUCATION FINANCING**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1013](#) Bell A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION TO ARKANSAS STUDENTS.

#### **ELECTIONS**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1012](#) Bell A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS GOVERNING ELECTIONS IN WHICH THERE IS ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE.

[HJR1020](#) Leding AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE USE OF VOTING BY MAIL AT ELECTIONS.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1023](#) Hammer AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN ALLEGED OFFENSES COMMITTED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.

#### **FISCAL SESSIONS**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1002](#) D. Douglas AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH THE FISCAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEET EVERY TWO (2) YEARS.

#### **JUDICIAL**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1005](#) Shepherd AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT; AND AMENDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING SERVICE ON THE SUPREME COURT.

[HJR1006](#) Branscum AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO DEFINE THE TERM "INFAMOUS

CRIME" AS USED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 9.

[HJR1015](#) Dotson A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1008](#) Gates AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DETERMINE THE MANNER OF PUBLISHING NOTICES REQUIRED BY VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.

### **OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1024](#) J. Mayberry AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

[HJR1025](#) J. Mayberry AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE ELECTED POSITION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR; AND AMENDING THE SELECTION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

[HJR1026](#) J. Mayberry AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ON JANUARY 1, 2019.

### **PROPERTY TAX**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1021](#) Leding PROPOSING TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO EXEMPT CERTAIN TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE AD VALOREM TAX.

[HJR1022](#) C. Armstrong PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.

### **STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1017](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION SHALL BE GOVERNED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ALL OTHER STATE AGENCIES.

[HJR1018](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF STATE AGENCIES.

[HJR1019](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION SHALL BE GOVERNED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ALL OTHER STATE AGENCIES.

### **TERM LIMITS**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1027](#) Ladyman PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS.

### **TORT REFORM**

**Number**      **Sponsor**      **Subtitle**  
[HJR1009](#) Davis A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS CONCERNING RULES OF PLEADING, PRACTICE, AND PROCEDURE IN CIVIL CASES.

[HJR1010](#) Davis A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING COURT RULES AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO CIVIL CLAIMS.

[HJR1011](#) Davis A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS REGULATING THE AWARD OF DAMAGES IN CIVIL CASES.

[HJR1014](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING JUDICIAL PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO CIVIL LITIGATION.

[HJR1016](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE JUDICIAL

BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

**VOTER IDENTIFICATION**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HJR1007</a>	Lowery	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION REQUIRING THE PRESENTATION OF CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION WHEN CASTING A BALLOT.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SJR1</a>	E. Williams	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING CIVIL CLAIMS AND COURT PROCEDURES.
<a href="#">SJR2</a>	A. Clark	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
<a href="#">SJR3</a>	E. Williams	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO RETAIN HIS OR HER POWERS AND DUTIES WHEN ABSENT FROM THE STATE.
<a href="#">SJR4</a>	J. Hendren	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT AMENDMENT 33, SECTION 2, DOES NOT APPLY TO A BOARD OR COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OR CONTROL OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
<a href="#">SJR5</a>	B. King	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS.
<a href="#">SJR6</a>	A. Clark	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW LOTTERY PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">SJR7</a>	B. King	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING VOTER IDENTIFICATION WHEN CASTING A BALLOT IN PERSON.
<a href="#">SJR8</a>	B. King	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING COURT PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO CIVIL LITIGATION.
<a href="#">SJR9</a>	K. Ingram	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN SESSION; AND REPEALING THE FISCAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
<a href="#">SJR10</a>	K. Ingram	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING RETIREMENT SALARY AND PENSION FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS.
<a href="#">SJR11</a>	B. King	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION.
<a href="#">SJR12</a>	E. Williams	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE POWER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT CERTAIN LAWS PERTAINING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT.
<a href="#">SJR13</a>	Hester	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT PERSONS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF SHALL SERVE A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS.
<a href="#">SJR14</a>	J. Hutchinson	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON THE AWARD OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES IN CIVIL CASES.
<a href="#">SJR15</a>	D. Johnson	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING COURT PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO CIVIL CLAIMS.
<a href="#">SJR16</a>	J. Woods	THE ARKANSAS JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT OF 2016.