

Hall of the House of Representatives
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Joint Resolution No. 1015

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING
THE LENGTH OF TERMS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS."

Amendment No. 2 to House Joint Resolution No. 1015.

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 1015 as engrossed, (version: 03-18-2005 11:11)

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING INCREASING THE LENGTH OF TERMS OF CIRCUIT CLERKS, COUNTY CLERKS, COUNTY JUDGES, COUNTY SHERIFFS, COUNTY ASSESSORS, COUNTY CORONERS, COUNTY TREASURERS, COUNTY SURVEYORS, AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 55 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND THE COMMISSION RECEIVED BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE; AND REPEALING OBSOLETE LANGUAGE."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE TERMS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS, AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, AND REPEAL OBSOLETE LANGUAGE."

AND

Page 2, delete line 16, and substitute the following:

"election, and during his continuance in office.

SECTION 3. Section 38 of Article 7 of the Arkansas Constitution is repealed.

~~38. Justices of the peace — Election — Term — Oath.~~

~~The qualified electors of each township shall elect the Justices of the Peace for the term of two years; who shall be commissioned by the Governor, and their official oath shall be indorsed on the commission."~~

SECTION 4. Section 41 of Article 7 of the Arkansas Constitution is



repealed.

~~41. Qualifications of justice of peace.~~

~~A Justice of the Peace shall be a qualified elector and a resident of the township for which he is elected.”~~

AND

Page 3, delete lines 8 through 16, and substitute the following:

“(2) A justice of the peace shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, except that the term prior to an apportionment shall be a two-year term.

(3) A justice of the peace shall be a qualified elector and a resident of the district for which he or she is elected.

(4) A justice of the peace shall be commissioned by the Governor, and his or her official oath shall be indorsed on the commission.

(5) The number of justices of the peace that comprise a county’s Quorum Court shall be determined by law.

(6) The county’s Election Commission shall, after each decennial census, divide the county into convenient and single member districts so that the Quorum Court shall be based upon the inhabitants of the county with each member representing, as nearly as practicable, an equal number thereof.”

AND

Appropriately renumber the remaining sections of the resolution

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Saunders
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Chief Clerk