

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

FOR A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DEFINE THE JURISDICTION OF MATTERS RELATING TO JUVENILE AND BASTARDY AND TO CONFER SUCH JURISDICTION UPON CHANCERY, CIRCUIT OR PROBATE COURTS, OR UPON SEPARATE DIVISIONS OF SUCH COURTS OR TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE JUVENILE COURTS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the 1874 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the State for approval or rejection at the next general election for representatives and senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at such election adopt such amendment the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly shall define jurisdiction of matters relating to juveniles (persons under eighteen (18) years of age) and matters relating to bastardy and may confer such jurisdiction upon chancery, circuit or probate courts, or upon separate divisions of such courts, or may establish separate juvenile courts upon which such jurisdiction may be conferred, and shall transfer to such courts the jurisdiction over bastardy and juvenile matters now vested in county courts by Section 28 of Article 7 of this Constitution.

SECTION 2. This amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 1989.