

1 **State of Arkansas**

2 **79th General Assembly**

3 **Regular Session, 1993**

**H.J.R.**

4 **By: Representatives Stewart and Fairchild**

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7 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 FOR A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CHANGING THE MOTTO

9 ON THE SEAL OF STATE TO "THE SEAL OF THE GREAT STATE OF

10 ARKANSAS".

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12 **Subtitle**

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17 WHEREAS, there are variations of mottos on the rim of state seals among  
18 the United States of America; and

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20 WHEREAS, there are fourteen (14) states that have the motto "THE GREAT  
21 SEAL OF THE STATE OF....." imprinted on the rim of the seal which represents  
22 the largest grouping in this category; and

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24 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is among the second largest grouping of  
25 eleven (11) states using the rim motto "GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF....."; and

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27 WHEREAS, there is no uniformity of mottos on the rim of state seals; and

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29 WHEREAS, the present motto on the rim of the seal of the State of  
30 Arkansas is not as distinctive and descriptive as it could be and the same  
31 wording is used by ten (10) other states; and

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33 WHEREAS, by changing the motto on the rim of the state seal to read "THE  
34 SEAL OF THE GREAT STATE OF ARKANSAS" it would be more befitting our Great  
35 State of Arkansas.

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

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7       That the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution  
8 of the state of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the  
9 state for approval or rejection at the next general election for  
10 Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at  
11 such election, adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of the  
12 Constitution of the state of Arkansas, to wit:

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14       "SECTION 1. A seal of the State shall be kept by the Governor, used by  
15 him officially, and called THE SEAL OF THE GREAT STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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17       SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution Article 6, Section 9 and all other  
18 provisions of the Constitution or laws in conflict herewith are repealed.

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20       SECTION 3. This amendment shall become effective on January 1, 1994."

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