

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

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8 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 "PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF
11 APPORTIONMENT AFTER THE NEXT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS
12 TO APPORTION THE STATE INTO NINETY-NINE (99) HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS AND THIRTY-THREE (33) SENATE
14 DISTRICTS. "

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16 **Subtitle**

17 "REQUIRE THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE
18 INTO NINETY-NINE (99) HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS AND THIRTY-
20 THREE (33) SENATE DISTRICTS. "

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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
24 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
25 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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

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34 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Article 8 of the Arkansas Constitution is
35 amended to read as follows:

36 "§ 2. ~~One hundred members in House of Representatives -- Apportionment.~~

1 House of Representatives districts.

2 ~~The House of Representatives shall consist of one hundred members and~~
 3 ~~each county existing at the time of any apportionment shall have at least one~~
 4 ~~representative; the remaining members shall be equally distributed (as nearly~~
 5 ~~as practicable) among the more populous counties of the State, in accordance~~
 6 ~~with a ratio to be determined by the population of said counties as shown by~~
 7 ~~the Federal census next preceding any apportionment hereunder.~~

8 Beginning with the 84th General Assembly to be elected at the General
 9 Election in the year 2002 the House of Representatives shall be composed of
 10 ninety-nine (99) members."

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 12 SECTION 2. Section 3 of Article 8 of the Arkansas Constitution is
 13 amended to read as follows:

14 ~~"§ 3. Senatorial districts - Thirty-five members of Senate.~~

15 ~~The Senate shall consist of thirty-five members. Senatorial districts~~
 16 ~~shall at all times consist of contiguous territory, and no county shall be~~
 17 ~~divided in the formation of such districts. "The Board of Apportionment"~~
 18 ~~hereby created shall, from time to time, divide the state into convenient~~
 19 ~~senatorial districts in such manner as that the Senate shall be based upon the~~
 20 ~~inhabitants of the state, each senator representing, as nearly as practicable,~~
 21 ~~an equal number thereof; each district shall have at least one senator.~~

22 Beginning with the 84th General Assembly to be elected at the General
 23 Election in the year 2002 the Senate shall be composed of thirty-three
 24 members."

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 26 SECTION 3. (a) As soon as possible after the next federal decennial
 27 census and after every federal decennial census thereafter the State Board of
 28 Apportionment shall apportion the state into ninety-nine (99) House of
 29 Representative Districts and thirty-three (33) Senate Districts. The
 30 apportionment shall be accomplished within a period of time that will result
 31 in ninety-nine (99) members of the House of Representatives and thirty-three
 32 (33) members of the Senate being elected at the general election immediately
 33 following the federal decennial census.

34 (b) Each apportionment shall result in three (3) House of
 35 Representative Districts being located within each Senate District.

36 (c) This Amendment shall not affect the number of House of

1 Representative and Senate districts for the 83rd General Assembly.

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3 SECTION 4. This Amendment shall become effective January 1, 2001.

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