

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

1 State of Arkansas  
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5 By: Representative Rodgers

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8 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO  
10 PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 MAY SERVE SIX TWO-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE AND MEMBERS OF  
12 THE SENATE MAY SERVE THREE FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE;  
13 AND TO ESTABLISH FOUR YEAR TERMS FOR CIRCUIT CLERKS,  
14 COUNTY JUDGES, SHERIFFS, COLLECTORS, COUNTY  
15 TREASURERS, ASSESSORS, CORONERS, COUNTY SURVEYORS, AND  
16 COUNTY CLERKS.

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18 **Subtitle**

19 TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

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

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

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32 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Amendment 73 of the Constitution of the State  
33 of Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

34 § 2. Legislative Branch.

35 (a) The Arkansas House of Representatives shall consist of members to  
36 be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several counties.

1 No member of the Arkansas House of Representatives may serve more than ~~three~~  
2 six (6) such two year terms.

3 (b) The Arkansas Senate shall consist of members to be chosen every  
4 four years by the qualified electors of the several districts. No member of  
5 the Arkansas Senate may serve more than ~~two~~ three (3) such four year terms.

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7 SECTION 3. Section 19 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of  
8 Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

9 § 19. Circuit clerks - Election - Term of office - Ex-officio duties -  
10 County clerks elected in certain counties.

11 The clerks of the circuit courts shall be elected by the qualified  
12 electors of the several counties for the term of ~~two~~ four years, and shall be  
13 ex-officio clerks of the county and probate courts and recorder; provided,  
14 that in any county having a population exceeding fifteen thousand inhabitants,  
15 as shown by the last Federal census, there shall be elected a county clerk to  
16 serve a term of four (4) years, in like manner as the clerk of the circuit  
17 court, and in such case the county clerk shall be ex-officio clerk of the  
18 probate court of such county until otherwise provided by the General Assembly.

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20 SECTION 4. Section 29 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of  
21 Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

22 § 29. County judge - Election - Term - Qualifications.

23 The judge of the county court shall be elected by the qualified electors  
24 of the county for the term of ~~two~~ four years. He shall be at least twenty-five  
25 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a man of upright character, of  
26 good business education and a resident of the State for two years before his  
27 election, and a resident of the county at the time of his election and during  
28 his continuance in office.

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30 SECTION 5. Section 46 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of  
31 Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

32 § 46. County executive officers - Compensation of county assessor.

33 The qualified electors of each county shall elect one sheriff, who shall  
34 be ex-officio collector of taxes, unless otherwise provided by law; one  
35 assessor, one coroner, one treasurer, who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the  
36 common school fund of the county, and one county surveyor, for the term of ~~two~~

1 four years, with such duties as are now or may be prescribed by law. Provided,  
2 that no per centum shall ever be paid to assessors upon the valuation or  
3 assessment of property by them. Each separately elected collector of taxes  
4 shall serve a term of four (4) years.

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6 SECTION 5. This amendment shall become effective on January 1, 2003.  
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