

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

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5 By: Senator Gwatney

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8 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT 7 TO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE NUMBER OF VOTES  
11 REQUIRED TO SUBMIT STATE-WIDE INITIATIVE AND  
12 REFERENDUM PETITIONS SHALL BE BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF  
13 PERSONS REGISTERED TO VOTE AT THE LAST PRECEDING  
14 GENERAL ELECTION INSTEAD OF THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST  
15 FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR IN THE LAST PRECEDING  
16 GENERAL ELECTION.

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18 **Subtitle**

19 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT 7 TO  
20 THE CONSTITUTION REGARDING NUMBER OF  
21 VOTES REQUIRED TO SUBMIT STATE-WIDE  
22 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS.

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

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

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36 SECTION 1. The third unnumbered paragraph, entitled "Referendum", of

Amendment 7 to the Arkansas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Referendum - The second power reserved by the people is the referendum, and any number not less than six per cent of the legal voters may, by petition, order the referendum against any general act, or any item of an appropriation bill, or measure passed by the General Assembly, but the filing of a referendum petition against one or more items, sections or parts of any such act or measure shall not delay the remainder from becoming operative. Such petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session at which such act was passed, except when a recess or adjournment shall be taken temporarily for a longer period than ninety days, in which case such petition shall be filed not later than ninety days after such recess or temporary adjournment. Any measure referred to the people by referendum petition shall remain in abeyance until such vote is taken. The total number of ~~votes cast for the office of Governor~~ persons registered to vote at the last preceding general election shall be the basis upon which the number of signatures of legal voters upon State-wide initiative and referendum petitions shall be computed.

SECTION 2. This amendment becomes effective January 1, 2003.