

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 TO REPEAL
10 THE ARKANSAS TERM LIMITATION AMENDMENT.
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12 **Subtitle**

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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
18 OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS
19 ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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21 That the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the
22 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the
23 electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election
24 for Senators and Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon
25 at such election, adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of the
26 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:
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28 SECTION 1. Amendment 73 of the Constitution of Arkansas is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 Amend. 73.

31 ~~Arkansas Term Limitation Amendment.~~

32 ~~Preamble: The people of Arkansas find and declare that elected officials~~
33 ~~who remain in office too long become preoccupied with reelection and ignore~~
34 ~~their duties as representatives of the people. Entrenched incumbency has~~
35 ~~reduced voter participation and has led to an electoral system that is less~~
36 ~~free, less competitive, and less representative than the system established by~~

~~the Founding Fathers. Therefore, the people of Arkansas, exercising their reserved powers, herein limit the terms of elected officials.~~

1. Executive Branch.

~~(a) The Executive Department of this State shall consist of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, Attorney General, and Commissioner of State Lands, all of whom shall keep their offices at the seat of government, and hold their offices for the term of four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~

~~(b) No elected officials of the Executive Department of this State may serve in the same office more than two such four year terms.~~

2. Legislative Branch.

~~(a) The Arkansas House of Representatives shall consist of members to be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several counties. No member of the Arkansas House of Representatives may serve more than three such two year terms.~~

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

~~3. Congressional Delegation.~~

~~(a) Any person having been elected to three or more terms as a member of the United States House of Representatives from Arkansas shall not be certified as a candidate and shall not be eligible to have his/her name placed on the ballot for election to the United States House of Representatives from Arkansas.~~

~~(b) Any person having been elected to two or more terms as a member of the United States Senate from Arkansas shall not be certified as a candidate and shall not be eligible to have his/her name placed on the ballot for election to the United States Senate from Arkansas.~~

~~4. Severability.~~

~~The provisions of this Amendment are severable, and if any should be held invalid, the remainder shall stand.~~

~~5. Provisions Self-Executing.~~

~~Provisions of this Amendment shall be self-executing.~~

~~6. Application.~~

~~(a) This Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution shall take effect and be in operation on January 1, 1993, and its provisions shall be applicable to all person thereafter seeking election to the offices specified in this Amendment.~~

~~(b) All laws and constitutional provisions which conflict with this Amendment are hereby repealed to the extent that they conflict with this amendment.~~

SECTION 2. This amendment shall become effective January 1, 2003.