

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

1 State of Arkansas
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
24 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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26 That the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the
27 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the
28 electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election
29 for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting
30 thereon at such election, adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part
31 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:
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33 SECTION 1. (a) The General Assembly, at a regular session, may refer
34 not more than three (3) bills to the people for approval or rejection at the
35 next general election.

36 (b)(1) The bill shall include a section in substantially the following



1 form:

2 “This act shall become effective upon approval by the electors of
3 the state at the next general election.”

4 (2) Referral of a bill by the General Assembly shall be by a
5 majority of all members elected to each house.

6 (3) The bill shall be entered on the journals as a proposed act.

7 (c)(1) The proposed act shall be published in at least one (1)
8 newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is published, for six (6) months
9 immediately preceding the next general election for Senators and
10 Representatives, at which time the proposed act shall be submitted to the
11 electors of the state for approval or rejection.

12 (2) The title of the bill shall be the ballot title of the
13 proposed act.

14 (d) Unless the proposed act states a different effective date, the act
15 shall become effective on January 1 following the general election at which
16 it is approved.

17 (e) No act approved by a vote of the people pursuant to this amendment
18 shall be amended or repealed by the General Assembly except upon a yea and
19 nay vote on roll call of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members elected to each
20 house of the General Assembly.

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22 SECTION 2. This amendment does not repeal or modify any provision of
23 the Arkansas Constitution that provides for the referral of an issue to a
24 vote of the qualified electors of the state.

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26 SECTION 3. This amendment shall be effective January 1, 2005.
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