

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

1 State of Arkansas

*As Engrossed: S4/2/03*

2 84th General Assembly

3 Regular Session, 2003

SJR 4

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5 By: Senators Womack, *J. Bookout, Baker, Lavery, Broadway*

6 By: Representatives *P. Bookout, Elliott, Goss, Harris, Hathorn, Key, King, Lendall, Penix*

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

23 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL

24 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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26 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of

27 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state

28 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Senators and

29 Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the

30 election, adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the

31 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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33 SECTION 1. Section 5 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of

34 Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

35 § 5. Time of meeting.

36 The General Assembly shall meet at the seat of government ~~every two~~



1 ~~years on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in November until said~~  
2 each year on the second Monday in January until the time be altered by law.

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4 SECTION 2. Section 17 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of  
5 Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

6 § 17. Duration of sessions.

7 The regular ~~biennial~~ annual sessions shall not exceed *sixty* days in  
8 duration, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house  
9 of ~~said~~ the General Assembly. Provided, that this section shall not apply ~~to~~  
10 ~~the first session of the General Assembly under this Constitution, or when~~  
11 impeachments are pending.

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13 SECTION 3. This amendment becomes effective January 1, 2005.

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