

**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: Senator Holt

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THAT THE PROTECTION OF  
11 THE CHILDREN OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS IS  
12 FUNDAMENTAL; TO ESTABLISH THAT THE LIVES, HEALTH,  
13 SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN OF THE STATE  
14 OF ARKANSAS SHALL BE PROTECTED UNDER THE LAWS OF  
15 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; TO ESTABLISH THAT  
16 AMENDMENT 83 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION IS  
17 FUNDAMENTAL TO THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILDREN AND  
18 FAMILIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

**Subtitle**

21 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS  
22 CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THAT THE  
23 PROTECTION OF THE CHILDREN OF THE STATE  
24 OF ARKANSAS IS FUNDAMENTAL.

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

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



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SECTION 1. (a) The protection of the children of the State of Arkansas is fundamental.

(b) The lives, health, safety, and well-being of children of the State of Arkansas shall be protected under the laws of the State of Arkansas.

(c) Amendment 83 of the Arkansas Constitution is fundamental to the protection of children and families in the State of Arkansas.