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2 85th General Assembly
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5 By: Senators Womack, *J. Bookout, Wilkins*
6 By: *Representatives Sumpter, Key*

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9 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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15 **Subtitle**

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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 in odd numbered years and shall not exceed forty-five days in
9 duration in even numbered years; unless by a vote of ~~two-thirds~~ three-fourths
10 of the members elected to each house of ~~said~~ the General Assembly. Provided,
11 that this section shall not apply ~~to the first session of the General~~
12 ~~Assembly under this Constitution, or~~ when impeachments are pending.

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14 SECTION 3. This amendment becomes effective January 1, 2007.

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16 /s/ Womack
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