

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

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
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SJR 8

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5 By: Senator Broadway
6 By: Representative Mahony

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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10 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 16, SECTION 5
11 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PERTAINING TO THE
12 VALUATION OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF
13 PROPERTY TAXATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

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

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34 SECTION 1. Section 5(a) of Article 16 of the Arkansas Constitution,
35 regarding personal property taxation, is amended to read as follows:

36 (a) All real and tangible personal property subject to taxation shall



1 be taxed according to its value, that value to be ascertained in such manner
 2 as the General Assembly shall direct, making the same equal and uniform
 3 throughout the State. ~~No one species of property for which a tax may be~~
 4 ~~collected shall be taxed higher than another species of property of equal~~
 5 ~~value, except as provided and authorized in Section 15 of this Article, and~~
 6 ~~except as authorized in Section 14 of this Article~~ The assessed value of
 7 property shall be determined according to acts of the General Assembly, and
 8 commercial property may be assessed at a higher ratio than noncommercial
 9 property. The General Assembly, upon the approval thereof by a vote of not
 10 less than three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members elected to each house, may
 11 establish the methods and procedures for valuation of property for taxation
 12 purposes, but may not alter the method of valuation set forth in Section 15
 13 of this Article.

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 15 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2007.

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