

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

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CONSTITUTION CONCERNING INCREASING THE LENGTH OF  
11 TERMS OF CIRCUIT CLERKS, COUNTY CLERKS, COUNTY  
12 JUDGES, COUNTY SHERIFFS, COUNTY ASSESSORS, COUNTY  
13 *CORONERS, COUNTY TREASURERS, AND COUNTY SURVEYORS*  
14 *FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS.*

**Subtitle**

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17 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE TERMS OF  
19 COUNTY OFFICIALS FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO  
20 *FOUR (4) YEARS.*  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, 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 Representatives  
30 and Senators, 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 19 of Article 7 of the Arkansas Constitution is  
35 amended to read as follows:

36 § 19. Circuit clerks - Election - Term of office - Ex-officio duties -



1 County clerks elected in certain counties.

2 The clerks of the circuit courts shall be elected by the qualified  
3 electors of the several counties for the term of ~~two~~ four (4) years, and  
4 shall be ex-officio clerks of the county and probate courts and recorder;  
5 provided, that ~~in any county having a population exceeding fifteen thousand~~  
6 ~~inhabitants, as shown by the last Federal census, there shall be elected~~ may  
7 elect a county clerk, in like manner as the clerk of the circuit court, for  
8 the term of four (4) years, and in such case the county clerk shall be ex-  
9 officio ~~clerk of the probate court~~ Clerk of the Probate Court of such county  
10 until otherwise provided by the General Assembly.

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12 SECTION 2. Section 29 of Article 7 of the Arkansas Constitution is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 § 29. County judge - Election - Term - Qualifications.

15 The Judge of the County Court shall be elected by the qualified  
16 electors of the county for the term of ~~two~~ four (4) years. He shall be at  
17 least twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, a man of  
18 upright character, of good business education, and a resident of the State  
19 for two years before his election; and a resident of the county at the time  
20 of his election, and during his continuance in office.

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22 SECTION 3. Section 46 of Article 7 of the Arkansas Constitution  
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 § 46. County executive officers - Compensation of county assessor. The  
25 qualified electors of each county shall elect one Sheriff, who shall be ex-  
26 officio collector of taxes, unless otherwise provided by law; one Assessor,  
27 one Coroner, one Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the common  
28 school fund of the county, and one County Surveyor; for the term of ~~two~~ four  
29 (4) years, with such duties as are now or may be prescribed by law: Provided,  
30 that no per centum shall ever be paid to assessors upon the valuation or  
31 assessment of property by them.

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33 SECTION 4. Amendment 41 of the Arkansas Constitution is amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 Election of county clerk.

36 The provisions for the election of a County Clerk upon a population

1 basis are hereby abolished and there may be elected a County Clerk in like  
2 manner as a Circuit Clerk, for the term of four (4) years, and in such cases,  
3 the County Clerk may be ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of such county  
4 until otherwise provided by the General Assembly.

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