

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

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

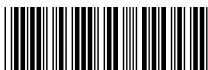
9 AMENDING THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING
10 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS;
11 AMENDING THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE
12 THAT A PERSON IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OR A
13 DISTRICT, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY IF HE OR SHE
14 OWNS OR RENTS A RESIDENCE WITHIN THE STATE,
15 DISTRICT, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY FOR AT LEAST
16 ONE (1) YEAR BEFORE FILING AS A CANDIDATE AND
17 SLEEPS AT THE RESIDENCE AT LEAST THREE (3) NIGHTS
18 PER WEEK FOR AT LEAST FORTY (40) OF THE FIFTY-TWO
19 (52) WEEKS PRECEDING HIS OR HER FILING AS A
20 CANDIDATE; AND PROVIDING THAT A VACANCY SHALL
21 EXIST IF A PERSON ELECTED TO A STATE, DISTRICT,
22 COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL OFFICE CEASES TO BE A
23 RESIDENT OF THE STATE, DISTRICT, COUNTY, OR
24 MUNICIPALITY DURING HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE.

Subtitle

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27 AMENDING THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION
28 CONCERNING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR
29 PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

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32 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
33 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
34 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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



1 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
2 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Senators and
3 Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
4 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
5 the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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7 SECTION 1. Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution is amended to add
8 an additional section to read as follows:

9 § 28. Residency for purpose of election and service in office.

10 (a) A candidate for election to a state, district, county, or
11 municipal office created by this constitution or by Arkansas law shall be
12 considered a resident for the purposes of existing Arkansas law of the state,
13 district, county, or municipality to which he or she seeks election if he or
14 she:

15 (1) For at least one (1) year before filing as a candidate, owns
16 or rents a residence in the respective state, district, county, or
17 municipality that he or she seeks to be elected to serve; and

18 (2) Sleeps at the residence at least three (3) nights per week
19 for at least forty (40) of the fifty-two (52) weeks preceding his or her
20 filing as a candidate.

21 (b) If a person elected to a state, district, county, or municipal
22 office fails to satisfy the residency criteria under subsection (a) of this
23 section at any point during his or her term of office, the office shall be
24 considered vacant and shall be filled by the method specified in this
25 constitution or Arkansas law for vacancies in the respective office.

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27 SECTION 2. This amendment becomes effective January 1, 2009.
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