

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

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8 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH 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 Representatives  
29 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election  
30 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of  
31 the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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33 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Amendment 73 to the Constitution of Arkansas  
34 is amended to read as follows:

35 § 2. Legislative Branch.

36 (a) The Arkansas House of Representatives shall consist of members to



1 be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several  
2 counties. ~~No member of the Arkansas House of Representatives may serve more~~  
3 ~~than three such two year terms.~~

4 (b) The Arkansas Senate shall consist of members to be chosen every  
5 four years by the qualified electors of the several districts. ~~No member of~~  
6 ~~the Arkansas Senate may serve more than two such four year terms.~~

7 (c)(1)(A) A member of the General Assembly shall serve no more than  
8 fourteen (14) years.

9 (B) However, a member who completes his or her fourteenth  
10 year of office during a term of office for which he or she has been elected  
11 may serve until the completion of that term of office.

12 (2) Service in the General Assembly need not be served  
13 consecutively.

14 (3) The years of service in both the Senate and the House of  
15 Representatives shall be added together and included to determine the total  
16 number of years in office.

17 (4) A partial legislative term served as a result of a special  
18 election under Article 5, § 6, or a two-year term served as a result of  
19 apportionment shall not be included in calculating the total number of years  
20 served by a member of the General Assembly.

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