

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

1 State of Arkansas  
2 91st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2017  
4  
5 By: Senator Rapert

SJR 7

6  
7 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 AN APPLICATION TO CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR  
9 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT UNDER UNITED STATES  
10 CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE, V, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT PROHIBITING THE UNITED STATES  
12 CONSTITUTION OR THE CONSTITUTIONS OR LAWS OF ANY  
13 STATE FROM DEFINING OR CONSTRUING THE DEFINITION OF  
14 "MARRIAGE" TO MEAN OTHER THAN THE UNION OF ONE MAN  
15 AND ONE WOMAN.

16  
17  
18 **Subtitle**

19 AN APPLICATION TO CONGRESS TO CALL A  
20 CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO  
21 THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION CONCERNING  
22 THE DEFINITION OF "MARRIAGE".  
23  
24

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
27 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:  
28

29 THAT the Arkansas General Assembly does hereby make application to the  
30 United States Congress, pursuant to United States Constitution, Article V, to  
31 call a convention for proposing an amendment to the United States  
32 Constitution with the sole agenda of proposing the following amendment to the  
33 United States Constitution:  
34

35 SECTION 1. Nothing in this Constitution or in the constitution or laws  
36 of any state may define or be construed to define marriage except as the



1 union of one man and one woman, and no other union shall be recognized with  
2 legal incidents thereof within the United States or any place subject to  
3 their jurisdiction.

4  
5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitute a continuing  
6 application in accordance with United States Constitution, Article V, until  
7 the legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states have made  
8 application on the subject of proposing an amendment as specified in this  
9 joint resolution.

10  
11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application for a convention for  
12 proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution shall be aggregated  
13 with applications from other states on the same subject for the purpose of  
14 attaining the two-thirds (2/3) majority needed to require the United States  
15 Congress to call a limited Article V convention as specified in this joint  
16 resolution, but not aggregated with any other applications for a convention  
17 for proposing amendments on any other subject.

18  
19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application for a convention  
20 for proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution be delivered to  
21 the President of the United States, the President of the United States  
22 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each  
23 member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, and to the presiding officer  
24 of each house of the legislature of each state.

25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36