

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

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

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UPON THE JOINT PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO

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TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR UPON THE SUBMISSION OF THE

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SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE

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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST

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TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE REQUESTING THAT

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION.

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AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION

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CONCERNING EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS OF THE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL

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ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL

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MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of

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the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state



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

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6 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5, is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 § 5. Regular and fiscal sessions.

9 (a) The General Assembly shall meet at the seat of government every
10 year.

11 (b) The General Assembly shall meet in regular session on the second
12 Monday in January of each odd-numbered year to consider any bill or
13 resolution. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the regular
14 session begins.

15 (c)(1) Beginning in 2010, the General Assembly shall meet in fiscal
16 session on the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year to
17 consider only appropriation bills. The General Assembly may alter the time at
18 which the fiscal session begins.

19 (2) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in
20 a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the
21 General Assembly approve consideration of the bill.

22 (d) The General Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members
23 elected to each house of the General Assembly, may alter the dates of the
24 regular session and fiscal session so that regular sessions occur in even
25 numbered years and the fiscal sessions occur in odd-numbered years.

26 (e)(1)(A) The General Assembly shall meet in extraordinary session
27 upon:

28 (i) The joint proclamation of the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; or

30 (ii) The submission of the signatures of at least two-
31 thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-
32 thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate requesting that
34 the General Assembly meet in extraordinary session.

35 (B) The General Assembly may consider any type or subject
36 matter of legislation at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1)(A)

1 of this section.

2 (2)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall
3 establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under
4 subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

5 (B) Joint rules established under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of
6 this section may include without limitation:

7 (i) A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary
8 session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section;

9 (ii) The format for the submission of signatures
10 requesting that the General Assembly meet in extraordinary session under
11 subdivision (e)(1) of this section; and

12 (iii) A provision permitting the General Assembly,
13 by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to both houses, to remain
14 in session for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days after the conclusion
15 of an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

16 (C) Rules established under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this
17 section may be amended by the General Assembly.

18 (3) This section does not restrict the authority of the Governor
19 to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly under Arkansas
20 Constitution, Article 6, § 19.

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22 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and
23 after November 9, 2022.

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25 SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
26 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
27 ballot:

28 (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot
29 title; and

30 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to
31 Allow the General Assembly to Meet in Extraordinary Session Upon the Joint
32 Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
33 Pro Tempore of the Senate or Upon the Submission of the Signatures of At
34 Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the House of Representatives and At
35 Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Senate to the Speaker of the
36 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate

1 Requesting that the General Assembly Meet in Extraordinary Session".

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