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

1	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H4/15/21 H4/19/21	
2	93rd General Assembly	
3	Regular Session, 2021 HJR 100	)1
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5	By: Representatives Cavenaugh, Vaught, M. Gray, Lundstrum, Payton, B. Smith, Rye, Bentley, Brown,	
6	Furman, Underwood, Lowery, Wooten, Beatty Jr., Gonzales, M. Berry, Dotson, McCollum, Gazaway,	
7	Bryant, Evans, Richmond, C. Cooper	
8	By: Senators B. Davis, T. Garner, Hill	
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10	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION	
11	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW	
12	THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY	
13	SESSION UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT WRITTEN	
14	PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF	
15	REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE	
16	SENATE OR UPON THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN	
17	PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST	
18	TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF	
19	REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE	
20	MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF	
21	REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE	
22	SENATE REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENE	
23	IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION; PROVIDING THAT NO BUSINESS	
24	OTHER THAN THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN THE JOINT WRITTEN	
25	PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF	
26	REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE	
27	SENATE OR THE WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE	
28	SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE	
29	MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST	
30	TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL	
31	BE CONSIDERED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CONVENED	
32	UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
33	TO ESTABLISH BY JOINT RULE DURING EACH REGULAR	
34	SESSION PROCEDURES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER	
35	THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT	
36	DOES NOT RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO	

1	CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL
2	ASSEMBLY UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 6, §
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8	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION
9	CONCERNING EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS OF THE
10	GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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13	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
14	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
15	MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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17	THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
18	the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
19	for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
20	and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
21	adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
22	the State of Arkansas, to wit:
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24	SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5, is amended to read
25	as follows:
26	§ 5. Regular and fiscal sessions — Extraordinary sessions.
27	(a) The General Assembly shall meet at the seat of government every
28	year.
29	(b) The General Assembly shall meet in regular session on the second
30	Monday in January of each odd-numbered year to consider any bill or
31	resolution. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the regular
32	session begins.
33	(c)(1) Beginning in 2010, the General Assembly shall meet in fiscal
34	session on the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year to
35	consider only appropriation bills. The General Assembly may alter the time at
36	which the fiscal session begins.

1 (2) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in 2 a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the 3 General Assembly approve consideration of the bill. 4 (d) The General Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members 5 elected to each house of the General Assembly, may alter the dates of the 6 regular session and fiscal session so that regular sessions occur in even 7 numbered years and the fiscal sessions occur in odd-numbered years. 8 (e)(1) The General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session 9 upon the: (A)(i) Issuance of a joint written proclamation of the 10 11 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the 12 Senate. 13 (ii) The joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the 14 15 purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session 16 and the date on which the General Assembly shall convene; or 17 (B)(i) Submission of a written proclamation containing the 18 signatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of 19 Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate to 20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of 21 the Senate requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary 22 session. 23 (ii) The written proclamation under subdivision 24 (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for 25 which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session. 26 (iii) Upon the submission of a written proclamation 27 under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall specify a 28 29 date on which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session. 30 (2) No business other than the purpose set forth in the joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section or the 31 32 written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be 33 considered at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this 34 section. 35 (3)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall

establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under

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1	subdivision (e)(l) of this section.
2	(B) Joint rules established under subdivision $(e)(3)(A)$ of
3	this section may include without limitation:
4	(i) A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary
5	session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section;
6	(ii) The format and required content for a written
7	proclamation requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary
8	session under subdivision $(e)(1)(B)(i)$ of this section; and
9	(iii) A provision permitting the General Assembly,
10	after having disposed of the purpose for which the extraordinary session was
11	convened under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, to remain in session for a
12	period not exceeding fifteen (15) days if remaining in session is approved by
13	a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of
14	Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate
15	and entered upon their journals.
16	(C) Rules established under subdivision $(e)(3)(A)$ of this
17	section may be amended by the General Assembly.
18	(4) 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	<pre>ballot:</pre>
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 Convene in Extraordinary Session Upon the
32	Issuance of a Joint Written Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of
33	Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or Upon the
34	Submission of a Written Proclamation Containing the Signatures of At Least
35	Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the House of Representatives and At Least
36	Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of

1	Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Requesting that
2	the General Assembly Convene in Extraordinary Session".
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