

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

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5 By: Senators J. Payton, Stone, Flippo, Hill, Irvin, M. Johnson, Rice

6 *By: Representative Duffield*

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

9 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE
10 THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS SHALL HAVE
11 THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS FOR THEIR COMMON
12 DEFENSE, FOR LAWFUL HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL USE, AND
13 FOR ANY OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE; PROVIDING THAT THE
14 RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS INCLUDES WITHOUT
15 LIMITATION THE POSSESSION AND USE OF AMMUNITION,
16 FIREARM ACCESSORIES, AND FIREARM COMPONENTS; *AND*
17 *PROVIDING* THAT THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS IS A
18 NATURAL, FUNDAMENTAL, AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHT THAT SHALL
19 *NOT BE INFRINGED.*

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

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of



1 the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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3 SECTION 1. INTENT OF AMENDMENT. It is the intent of this amendment to
4 the Arkansas Constitution to protect the right to keep and bear arms granted
5 under the Arkansas Constitution.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5, is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 § 5. Right to keep and bear arms.

10 (a) The citizens of this State shall have the right to keep and bear
11 arms, for:

12 (1) ~~their~~ Their common defense;

13 (2) Lawful hunting and recreational use; and

14 (3) Any other lawful purpose.

15 (b) The right to keep and bear arms under subsection (a) of this
16 section includes without limitation the possession and use of:

17 (1) Ammunition;

18 (2) Firearm accessories; and

19 (3) Firearm components.

20 (c) The right to keep and bear arms under subsection (a) of this
21 section is a natural, fundamental, and individual right that shall not be
22 infringed.

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24 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment to the Arkansas
25 Constitution is effective on and after January 1, 2027.

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27 SECTION 4. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
28 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
29 ballot:

30 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot
31 title; and

32 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to
33 Amend Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5, to Protect the Right to Keep and
34 Bear Arms."

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36 /s/J. Payton