

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

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Subtitle

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND
ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 2, § 5,
TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR
ARMS.

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:



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

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

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

14 § 5. Right to keep and bear arms.

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

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

18 (2) Lawful hunting and recreational use; and

19 (3) Any other lawful purpose.

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

22 (1) Ammunition;

23 (2) Firearm accessories; and

24 (3) Firearm components.

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

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

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

35 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot
36 title; and

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

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