

**AGENDA**  
**House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs**  
**90th General Assembly**  
**Regular Session, 2015**

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**Thursday, March 05, 2015**  
**30 MINUTES UPON ADJOURNMENT**  
**Room 151, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Rep. Nate Bell, Chair  
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**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**EDUCATION FINANCING**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HJR1013</a>	Bell	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION TO ARKANSAS STUDENTS.

**ELECTIONS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HJR1012</a>	Bell	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS GOVERNING ELECTIONS IN WHICH THERE IS ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE.
<a href="#">HJR1020</a>	Leding	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE USE OF VOTING BY MAIL AT ELECTIONS.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HJR1023</a>	Hammer	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN ALLEGED OFFENSES COMMITTED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.

**FISCAL SESSIONS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HJR1002</a>	D. Douglas	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH THE FISCAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEET EVERY TWO (2) YEARS.

**JUDICIAL**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HJR1005</a>	Shepherd	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT; AND AMENDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING SERVICE ON THE SUPREME COURT.
<a href="#">HJR1006</a>	Branscum	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO DEFINE THE TERM "INFAMOUS CRIME" AS USED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 9.
<a href="#">HJR1015</a>	Dotson	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<b>Notice: Silence your cell phones. Keep your personal conversations to a minimum. Observe restrictions designating areas as "<i>Members and Staff Only</i>"</b>		

[HJR1008](#) Gates AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DETERMINE THE MANNER OF PUBLISHING NOTICES REQUIRED BY VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.

#### **OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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[HJR1024](#) J. Mayberry AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

[HJR1025](#) J. Mayberry AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE ELECTED POSITION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR; AND AMENDING THE SELECTION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

[HJR1026](#) J. Mayberry AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ON JANUARY 1, 2019.

#### **PROPERTY TAX**

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[HJR1021](#) Leding PROPOSING TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO EXEMPT CERTAIN TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE AD VALOREM TAX.

[HJR1022](#) C. Armstrong PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.

#### **STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

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[HJR1017](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION SHALL BE GOVERNED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ALL OTHER STATE AGENCIES.

[HJR1018](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF STATE AGENCIES.

[HJR1019](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION SHALL BE GOVERNED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ALL OTHER STATE AGENCIES.

#### **TERM LIMITS**

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[HJR1027](#) Ladyman PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS.

#### **TORT REFORM**

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[HJR1009](#) Davis A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS CONCERNING RULES OF PLEADING, PRACTICE, AND PROCEDURE IN CIVIL CASES.

[HJR1010](#) Davis A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING COURT RULES AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO CIVIL CLAIMS.

[HJR1011](#) Davis A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS REGULATING THE AWARD OF DAMAGES IN CIVIL CASES.

[HJR1014](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING JUDICIAL PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO CIVIL LITIGATION.

[HJR1016](#) Dotson AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

#### **VOTER IDENTIFICATION**

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[HJR1007](#) Lowery AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION REQUIRING THE PRESENTATION OF CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION WHEN CASTING A BALLOT.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SJR1</a>	E. Williams	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING CIVIL CLAIMS AND COURT PROCEDURES.
<a href="#">SJR2</a>	A. Clark	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
<a href="#">SJR3</a>	E. Williams	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO RETAIN HIS OR HER POWERS AND DUTIES WHEN ABSENT FROM THE STATE.
<a href="#">SJR4</a>	J. Hendren	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT AMENDMENT 33, SECTION 2, DOES NOT APPLY TO A BOARD OR COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OR CONTROL OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
<a href="#">SJR5</a>	B. King	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS.
<a href="#">SJR6</a>	A. Clark	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW LOTTERY PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">SJR8</a>	B. King	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING COURT PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO CIVIL LITIGATION.
<a href="#">SJR9</a>	K. Ingram	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN SESSION; AND REPEALING THE FISCAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
<a href="#">SJR10</a>	K. Ingram	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING RETIREMENT SALARY AND PENSION FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS.
<a href="#">SJR11</a>	B. King	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION.
<a href="#">SJR12</a>	E. Williams	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE POWER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT CERTAIN LAWS PERTAINING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT.
<a href="#">SJR13</a>	Hester	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT PERSONS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF SHALL SERVE A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS.
<a href="#">SJR14</a>	J. Hutchinson	AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON THE AWARD OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES IN CIVIL CASES.
<a href="#">SJR15</a>	D. Johnson	A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING COURT PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO CIVIL CLAIMS.
<a href="#">SJR16</a>	J. Woods	THE ARKANSAS JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT OF 2016.