

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

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS ALLOWING A
CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE TO BE CERTIFIED AS ELECTED
WITHOUT APPEARING ON THE BALLOT WHEN HE OR SHE IS THE
ONLY CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE AT THE ELECTION.

Subtitle

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS
GOVERNING ELECTIONS IN WHICH THERE IS
ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, 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
the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 3, is amended to add an
additional section to read as follows:

§ 13. Procedures for elections with one candidate.

(a) As used in this section, "election" means:



- (1) A primary election;
- (2) A special primary election;
- (3) A general election; and
- (4) A special election.

(b) The General Assembly may enact laws providing that if there is only one (1) person qualified as a candidate for an office after all deadlines for filing as a candidate have passed so that there will be only one (1) name listed on the election ballot for the office and no write-in candidates qualify to appear as candidates for the office on the election ballot:

- (1) The one (1) candidate for the office shall be declared elected and his or her name shall not appear on the election ballot;
- (2) The name of the candidate declared elected shall be certified as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted upon at the election; and
- (3) The election shall not be held if no other office or issue is on the ballot.

SECTION 2. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election ballot:

- (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot title; and
- (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment Authorizing the General Assembly to Enact Laws Allowing a Candidate for an Office to Be Certified as Elected Without Appearing on the Ballot when there is Only One Candidate for the Office at an Election."