

**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 ALLOW  
THE GOVERNOR TO RETAIN HIS OR HER POWERS AND DUTIES  
WHEN ABSENT FROM THE STATE.

**Subtitle**

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH 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  
the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Amendment 6 to the Arkansas Constitution is  
amended to read as follows:

§ 4. Lieutenant Governor acting as Governor.

In case of the impeachment of the Governor, or his or her removal from  
office, death, inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said  
office, or resignation ~~or absence from the State~~, the powers and duties of



the office, shall devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor for the residue of the term, or until the disability shall cease. ~~But when~~ When the Governor shall, with the consent of the Legislature, be out of the State, in time of war, at the head of a military force thereof, he or she shall continue commander-in-chief of all the military force of the State.

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 to Allow the Governor to Retain His or Her Powers and Duties When Absent From the State."