

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1819

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING BALLOT TITLES AND POPULAR NAMES OF
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING BALLOT TITLES AND POPULAR
NAMES OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-9-204 is amended to read as follows:

7-9-204. Ballot titles and popular names of constitutional amendments proposed by the legislature.

(a)(1) The General Assembly ~~may~~ shall designate in the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution the popular name and ballot title of the amendment for the election ballot.

(2) The ballot title designated under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall briefly and concisely state the purpose of the proposed amendment.

(b)(1) Within thirty (30) days of the passage of a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution, the Attorney General shall:

(A) Determine the sufficiency of the ballot title and popular name of the proposed amendment; and

(B)(i) Approve and certify the popular name and ballot title of the proposed amendment; or



(ii) Substitute and certify a more suitable and correct ballot title and popular name for the proposed amendment.

(2) When determining the sufficiency of a ballot title or popular name and approving or substituting a ballot title or popular name under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the Attorney General shall apply the same standard applied to the approval and substitution of ballot titles and popular names for initiative and referendum petitions under § 7-9-107.

(3) A ballot title substituted by the Attorney General under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall briefly and concisely state the purpose of the proposed amendment.