

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 TO REQUIRE THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTAIN A BALLOT TITLE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE BALLOT TITLE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME STANDARD OF REVIEW APPLIED TO THE BALLOT TITLES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS INITIATED BY THE PEOPLE OF ARKANSAS UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1.

Subtitle

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE BALLOT TITLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST 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 19, § 22, is amended to read as follows:

§ 22. Constitutional amendments.

(a) Either branch of the General Assembly, at a regular session thereof, may propose amendments to this Constitution; and if the same be agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house, such proposed amendments shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and nays, and published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is published, for six months immediately preceding the next general election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the electors of the State, for approval or rejection; and if a majority of the electors voting at such election adopt such amendments, the same shall become a part of this Constitution. But no more than three amendments shall be proposed or submitted at the same time. They shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

(b) A proposed amendment under subsection (a) of this section shall include the exact title to be used on the ballot, which shall be placed upon the ballot by the Secretary of State.

(c) It is the intent of this section that:

(1) Amendments to this Constitution proposed by the General Assembly under Article 19, § 22, and Amendment 70, § 2, of this Constitution contain a ballot title; and

(2) That the ballot title of amendments to this Constitution proposed by the General Assembly be subject to the same standard of review applied to the ballot titles of proposed amendments to this Constitution initiated by the people of this State under Article 5, § 1, of this Constitution.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 70, § 2, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. Additional Constitutional amendments authorized.

(a) In addition to the three amendments to the Constitution allowed pursuant to Article 19, § 22, either branch of the General Assembly at a regular session thereof may propose an amendment to the Constitution to change the salaries for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Commissioner of

State Lands, and Auditor of State and for members of the General Assembly. If the same be agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house, such proposed amendment shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and nays, and published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is published, for six months immediately preceding the next general election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the electors of the State for approval or rejection. If a majority of the electors voting at such election adopt the amendment the same shall become a part of this Constitution. Only one amendment to the Constitution may be referred pursuant to this section.

(b) A proposed amendment under subsection (a) of this section shall include the exact title to be used on the ballot, which shall be placed upon the ballot by the Secretary of State.

(c) It is the intent of this section that:

(1) Amendments to this Constitution proposed by the General Assembly under Article 19, § 22, and Amendment 70, § 2, of this Constitution contain a ballot title; and

(2) That the ballot title of amendments to this Constitution proposed by the General Assembly be subject to the same standard of review applied to the ballot titles of proposed amendments to this Constitution initiated by the people of this state under Article 5, § 1, of this Constitution.

SECTION 3. 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 Proposed Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to Require that Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the General Assembly Contain a Ballot Title that is Subject to the Same Standard of Review Applied to Constitutional Amendments Initiated by the People of this State."