

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

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By: Representative Sorvillo

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT A MONUMENT OR STATUE SHALL NOT BE PLACED UPON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS UNLESS AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE SIGN A PETITION IN FAVOR OF THE PLACEMENT.

**Subtitle**

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT A MONUMENT OR STATUE SHALL NOT BE PLACED UPON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS UNLESS AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE SIGN A PETITION IN FAVOR OF THE PLACEMENT.

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. The Arkansas Constitution is amended to add a new amendment to read as follows:



(a) In addition to complying with all requirements under law, a monument or statue shall not be placed upon the grounds of the State Capitol unless a petition containing the signatures of at least two hundred thousand (200,000) qualified electors of the state who are in favor of the placement of the monument or statue is submitted to the Secretary of State.

(b) Signatures under subsection (a) of this section shall be collected within two (2) years of the date the petition is submitted to the Secretary of 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 "An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution Providing that a Monument or Statue Shall Not Be Placed Upon the State Capitol Grounds Unless at Least Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) Qualified Electors of the State Sign a Petition in Favor of the Placement".