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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND THE
PROCESS BY WHICH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY
CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.

Subtitle

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 38.(n) of the Rules of the House of Representatives
of the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is amended to
read as follows:

38. (n) (a) ~~The Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments shall consist of the members of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the members of the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs. No proposed constitutional amendment can be recommended to either House of the General Assembly except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.~~ No resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be filed in ~~either~~ the House of Representatives ~~or the Senate~~ after the thirty-first (31st) day of each regular session of the General Assembly. Proposed



constitutional amendments may only be considered during regular sessions.

38. (n)(b) All resolutions proposing constitutional amendments shall be referred to the ~~Joint~~ House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, which by an affirmative vote of its members may recommend proposals one-at-a-time to the House of Representatives for its consideration. Other resolutions proposing constitutional amendments shall not be reported to or considered by either House of the General Assembly until the original recommendations of the Joint Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs are disposed of. A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment may be considered only during a regular session. The Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments shall meet on the first (1st) Tuesday after the thirty-first (31st) day of each regular session of the General Assembly to establish a meeting calendar and meet regularly thereafter.

38. (n)(c) Any proposed constitutional amendment initiated in and approved by the House of Representatives shall be transmitted to the Senate for its consideration. If the Senate fails to approve a House-proposed constitutional amendment, the House of Representatives may proceed to initiate other proposed constitutional amendments one-at-a-time for Senate consideration.

38. (n)(d) Any proposed constitutional amendment received from the Senate shall be referred to the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, which by an affirmative vote of its members may recommend the proposal to the House of Representatives for its consideration.

38. (n)(e) Upon adoption by the General Assembly of a House-proposed constitutional amendment and a Senate-proposed constitutional amendment, in accordance with the Joint Rules, a third proposed constitutional amendment may be considered and voted upon by the General Assembly only after identical resolutions authorizing the consideration of the third proposed constitutional amendment have been approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house.