

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

1 State of Arkansas  
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7 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING  
9 THAT THE STATE OF ARKANSAS SHALL NEVER BE MADE A  
10 DEFENDANT IN ANY OF HER COURTS UNLESS OTHERWISE  
11 PROVIDED BY LAW.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT  
16 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS SHALL NEVER BE MADE  
17 A DEFENDANT IN ANY OF HER COURTS UNLESS  
18 OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

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21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
22 STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
23 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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25 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of  
26 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state  
27 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives  
28 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election  
29 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of  
30 the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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32 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 20, is amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 § 20. State not made defendant.

35 ~~The~~ Unless otherwise provided by law, the State of Arkansas shall never  
36 be made defendant in any of her courts.



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SECTION 2. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed amendment is submitted to the electors of the 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 Providing that the State of Arkansas Shall Never Be Made a Defendant in Any of Her Courts Unless Otherwise Provided by Law.”