

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

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT BALLOT INITIATIVES ADOPTED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021, NOT REFERENCE ONE (1) OR MORE COUNTIES OR CITIES BY NAME IF THE INTENT OF THE REFERENCE IS TO GRANT THOSE COUNTIES OR CITIES POWERS, PRIVILEGES, OPPORTUNITIES, OR BENEFITS THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO ALL OTHER COUNTIES OR CITIES, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

Subtitle

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT FUTURE BALLOT INITIATIVES NOT REFERENCE ONE (1) OR MORE COUNTIES OR CITIES BY NAME IF THE INTENT IS TO GRANT THOSE COUNTIES OR CITIES SPECIAL POWERS, PRIVILEGES, OPPORTUNITIES, OR BENEFITS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 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) As used in this section, "ballot initiative" means:

(1) An initiated act or constitutional amendment proposed under Article 5, § 1 of this Constitution; or

(2) A proposed constitutional amendment under Article 19, § 22 of this Constitution or Amendment 70, § 2 of this Constitution.

(b) A ballot initiative adopted after January 1, 2021, shall not reference one (1) or more:

(1) Counties by name, if the intent of the reference is to grant one (1) or more of those counties powers, privileges, opportunities, or benefits that are not available to all other counties; or

(2) Cities by name, if the intent of the reference is to grant one (1) or more of those cities powers, privileges, opportunities, or benefits that are not available to all other cities.

(c) Subsection (b) of this amendment shall supersede a subsequent ballot initiative that references one (1) or more counties or cities by name in a manner prohibited by subsection (b) of this amendment.

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 "A Constitutional Amendment Prohibiting Future Ballot Initiatives from Specifically Referencing Counties or Cities by Name if the Intent of the Reference is to Grant Those Counties or Cities Powers, Privileges, Opportunities, or Benefits that are not Available to All Other Counties or Cities, As the Case May Be".