

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

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5 By: Representative Gazaway
6 By: Senator Rapert

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8 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE
10 THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS HAVE A
11 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS FOR THEIR
12 COMMON AND INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE AND FOR HUNTING AND
13 RECREATIONAL PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING THAT THE RIGHT
14 OF CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO KEEP AND BEAR
15 ARMS SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR INFRINGED BY THE STATE OF
16 ARKANSAS OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF
17 ARKANSAS.

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20 **Subtitle**

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22 TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE
23 OF ARKANSAS HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO
24 KEEP AND BEAR ARMS.

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27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
29 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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31 That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
32 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
33 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
34 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
35 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
36 the State of Arkansas, to wit:



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2 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 § 5. Right to bear arms.

5 (a) The citizens of this State shall have the right to keep and bear
6 arms, for their common defense have a fundamental right to keep and bear arms
7 for their common and individual defense and for hunting and recreational
8 purposes.

9 (b) The right of the citizens of this State to keep and bear arms
10 shall not be denied or infringed by the State of Arkansas or any political
11 subdivision of the State of Arkansas.

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13 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and
14 after January 1, 2023.

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16 SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
17 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
18 ballot:

19 (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot
20 title; and

21 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to
22 Provide that Citizens of the State of Arkansas Have a Fundamental Right to
23 Keep and Bear Arms".