

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

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By: Representative Gazaway
By: Senator Rapert

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Subtitle

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD 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. Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5, is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. Right to bear arms.

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

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

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

SECTION 3. 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 to Provide that Citizens of the State of Arkansas Have a Fundamental Right to Keep and Bear Arms".