

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

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By: Senator Rapert  
By: Representative Gazaway

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS HAVE A *FUNDAMENTAL INDIVIDUAL RIGHT* TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND ACCESSORIES TYPICAL TO THE NORMAL FUNCTION OF SUCH ARMS, FOR THE DEFENSE OF THEIR HOMES, *PERSON*, FAMILY, AND PROPERTY, FOR THEIR COMMON AND INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE, AND FOR HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS HAVE A *FUNDAMENTAL INDIVIDUAL RIGHT* TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND *ACCESSORIES*.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD 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. *An additional amendment is added to the Arkansas Constitution to read as follows:*

§ 1. Fundamental individual right to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories.

(a) The citizens of this State have a fundamental individual right to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of such arms, for the defense of their homes, person, family, and property, for their common and individual defense, and for hunting and recreational purposes.

(b) The rights guaranteed by this section shall not be denied nor infringed by the State of Arkansas or any political subdivision of the State of Arkansas. The rights guaranteed by this section are unalienable. Any and all restrictions of the rights guaranteed by this section shall be subject to strict scrutiny, and the State of Arkansas and all political subdivisions of the State of Arkansas shall uphold and defend the rights guaranteed by this section and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against their infringement.

(c) This amendment shall not be construed to affect, interpret, or in any way address Article 2, § 5, of this Constitution regarding the right to bear arms.

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 Individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Ammunition, and Accessories Typical to the Normal Function of Such Arms, For the Defense of Their Homes, Person, Family, and Property, For Their Common and Individual Defense, and for Hunting and Recreational Purposes".

*/s/Rapert*