

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 AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT A TRANSACTION BASED UPON HIS OR HER PERSONAL OPINIONS OR BELIEFS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION HIS OR HER RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

Subtitle

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT A TRANSACTION BASED UPON HIS OR HER PERSONAL OPINIONS OR BELIEFS.

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. Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

§ 30. Right to conduct transactions.



(a) As used in this section, "transaction" means engaging in a sale, purchase, or payment for food, medicine, clothing, shelter, or other goods or services normally used for personal, family, or household purposes through:

(1) A cash sale, purchase, or payment;

(2) An electronic sale, purchase, or payment, including without limitation the use of a credit card; or

(3) Another method of engaging in a sale, purchase, or payment for a good or service normally used for personal, family, or household purposes.

(b) An individual shall not be denied the right to conduct a transaction based upon his or her personal opinions or beliefs, including without limitation his or her religious beliefs.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment is effective on and after November 6, 2024.

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 "An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution Providing that an Individual Shall Not Be Denied the Right to Conduct a Transaction Based Upon His or Her Personal Opinions or Beliefs, Including Without Limitation His or Her Religious Beliefs".