

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

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT A BILL OTHER THAN AN APPROPRIATION BILL MAY BE CONSIDERED IN A FISCAL SESSION IF THE BILL IS FILED DURING A PERIOD BEGINNING SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE DATE THE FISCAL SESSION BEGINS AND ENDING SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE FISCAL SESSION BEGINS; AND PROVIDING THAT A BILL OTHER THAN AN APPROPRIATION BILL FILED OUTSIDE OF THE PERIOD MAY BE CONSIDERED IF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL.

Subtitle

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION OF BILLS OTHER THAN APPROPRIATION BILLS DURING A FISCAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH 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 5, § 5(c), concerning fiscal sessions of the General Assembly, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) Beginning in 2010, the General Assembly shall meet in fiscal session on the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year to consider only appropriation bills. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the fiscal session begins.

(2)(A) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in a fiscal session if ~~two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the General Assembly approve consideration of the bill~~ the bill is filed during a period beginning seven (7) days before the date the fiscal session begins and ending seven (7) days after the date the fiscal session begins.

(B) A bill other than an appropriation bill that is filed outside of the period under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section may be considered in a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the General Assembly approve consideration of the bill.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment to the Arkansas Constitution is effective on and after January 1, 2027.

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 Concerning the Consideration of Bills Other Than Appropriation Bills During a Fiscal Session of the General Assembly."