

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

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By: Representative Pilkington

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR, IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND IN ALL ELECTIVE STATE, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, AND TOWNSHIP OFFICES SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

Subtitle

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

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, Amendment 29, § 1, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Elective offices – Exceptions.

Vacancies in the office of United States Senator, Representative in the



Congress of the United States, and in all elective state, district, circuit, county, and township offices except those of Lieutenant Governor, Member of the General Assembly and Representative in the Congress of the United States, shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.

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 to Provide that Vacancies in the Office of United States Senator, in the Office of Representative in the Congress of the United States, and in All Elective State, District, Circuit, and Township Offices Shall Be Filled by Appointment by the Governor."