

**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 TO REQUIRE A VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT, AMEND, OR REPEAL LAWS CONCERNING ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS OR ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.

### **Subtitle**

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH 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 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:



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§ 43. Laws concerning access to public records or access to public meetings.

(a) The General Assembly may only enact, amend, or repeal a law concerning access to public records or access to public meetings by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of each house.

(b) The vote requirement under subsection (a) of this section shall apply to the amendment or repeal of a law concerning access to public records or access to public meetings existing on or after January 1, 2027, including without limitation an amendment to or repeal of the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, Arkansas Code § 25-19-101 et seq.

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 Require a Vote of Three-Fourths of the General Assembly to Enact, Amend, or Repeal Laws Concerning Access to Public Records or Access to Public Meetings."