

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

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By: Senator B. King

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

AN AMENDMENT TO ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, §  
20, PERMITTING THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO BE SUED AS A  
DEFENDANT IN STATE COURT TO ENFORCE CONSTITUTIONAL  
RIGHTS OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

**Subtitle**

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING  
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO BE SUED AS A  
DEFENDANT IN STATE COURT TO ENFORCE  
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OR AS OTHERWISE  
PROVIDED BY LAW.

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. The purpose of this joint resolution is to amend Arkansas  
Constitution, Article 5, § 20, to permit the State of Arkansas to be sued as  
a defendant in state court to enforce constitutional rights or as otherwise  
provided by law.

