

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

1 State of Arkansas
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8 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING
10 THAT A BILL OTHER THAN AN APPROPRIATION BILL MAY BE
11 CONSIDERED IN A FISCAL SESSION IF THE BILL IS FILED
12 DURING A PERIOD BEGINNING SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE DATE
13 THE FISCAL SESSION BEGINS AND ENDING SEVEN DAYS AFTER
14 THE DATE THE FISCAL SESSION BEGINS; AND PROVIDING
15 THAT A BILL OTHER THAN AN APPROPRIATION BILL FILED
16 OUTSIDE OF THE PERIOD MAY BE CONSIDERED IF TWO-THIRDS
17 OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
18 APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL.
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21 **Subtitle**

22 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING
23 THE CONSIDERATION OF BILLS OTHER THAN
24 APPROPRIATION BILLS DURING A FISCAL
25 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
29 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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31 THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
32 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
33 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
34 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
35 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
36 the State of Arkansas, to wit:



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2 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5(c), concerning fiscal
3 sessions of the General Assembly, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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21 SECTION 3. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
22 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
23 ballot:

24 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot
25 title; and

26 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment
27 Concerning the Consideration of Bills Other Than Appropriation Bills During a
28 Fiscal Session of the General Assembly."