

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

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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5 By: Representative Pilkington
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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18 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE
19 THAT CERTAIN VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED
20 BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.
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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
24 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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26 THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
27 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
28 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
29 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
30 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
31 the State of Arkansas, to wit:
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33 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 29, § 1, is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 § 1. Elective offices – Exceptions.

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



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

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

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

12 (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot
13 title; and

14 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to
15 Provide that Vacancies in the Office of United States Senator, in the Office
16 of Representative in the Congress of the United States, and in All Elective
17 State, District, Circuit, and Township Offices Shall Be Filled by Appointment
18 by the Governor."

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