

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

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5 By: Senator B. King
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8 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 AN AMENDMENT TO ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, §
10 20, PERMITTING THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO BE SUED AS A
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15 **Subtitle**

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
23 STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 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. The purpose of this joint resolution is to amend Arkansas
34 Constitution, Article 5, § 20, to permit the State of Arkansas to be sued as
35 a defendant in state court to enforce constitutional rights or as otherwise
36 provided by law.

