

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

1 State of Arkansas  
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5 By: Senator B. King  
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8 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE  
10 A VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY TO ENACT, AMEND, OR REPEAL LAWS CONCERNING  
12 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS OR ACCESS TO PUBLIC  
13 MEETINGS.  
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16 **Subtitle**

17 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A VOTE OF THREE-  
19 FOURTHS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY TO ENACT, AMEND, OR REPEAL LAWS  
21 CONCERNING ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS OR  
22 ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
25 STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
26 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:  
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28 THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of  
29 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state  
30 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives  
31 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election  
32 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of  
33 the State of Arkansas, to wit:  
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35 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, is amended to add an  
36 additional section to read as follows:



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

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

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

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

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

18                   (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot  
19 title; and

20                   (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to  
21 Require a Vote of Three-Fourths of the General Assembly to Enact, Amend, or  
22 Repeal Laws Concerning Access to Public Records or Access to Public  
23 Meetings."

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