

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

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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*AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW*

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*THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY*

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*SESSION UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT WRITTEN*

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*PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF*

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*REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE*

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*SENATE OR UPON THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN*

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*PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST*

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*TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF*

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*REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE*

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*MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF*

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*REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE*

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*SENATE REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENE*

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*IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION; PROVIDING THAT NO BUSINESS*

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*OTHER THAN THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN THE JOINT WRITTEN*

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*PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF*

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*REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE*

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*SENATE OR THE WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE*

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*SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE*

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*MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST*

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*TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL*

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*BE CONSIDERED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CONVENED*

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*UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

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*TO ESTABLISH BY JOINT RULE DURING EACH REGULAR*

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*SESSION PROCEDURES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER*

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*THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT*

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*DOES NOT RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO*





1 (2) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in  
2 a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the  
3 General Assembly approve consideration of the bill.

4 (d) The General Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members  
5 elected to each house of the General Assembly, may alter the dates of the  
6 regular session and fiscal session so that regular sessions occur in even  
7 numbered years and the fiscal sessions occur in odd-numbered years.

8 (e)(1) The General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session  
9 upon the:

10 (A)(i) Issuance of a joint written proclamation of the  
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the  
12 Senate.

13 (ii) The joint written proclamation under  
14 subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the  
15 purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session  
16 and the date on which the General Assembly shall convene; or

17 (B)(i) Submission of a written proclamation containing the  
18 signatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of  
19 Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate to  
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of  
21 the Senate requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary  
22 session.

23 (ii) The written proclamation under subdivision  
24 (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for  
25 which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.

26 (iii) Upon the submission of a written proclamation  
27 under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall specify a  
29 date on which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.

30 (2) No business other than the purpose set forth in the joint  
31 written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section or the  
32 written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be  
33 considered at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this  
34 section.

35 (3)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall  
36 establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under

1 subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

2 (B) Joint rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of  
3 this section may include without limitation:

4 (i) A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary  
5 session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section;

6 (ii) The format and required content for a written  
7 proclamation requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary  
8 session under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section; and

9 (iii) A provision permitting the General Assembly,  
10 after having disposed of the purpose for which the extraordinary session was  
11 convened under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, to remain in session for a  
12 period not exceeding fifteen (15) days if remaining in session is approved by  
13 a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of  
14 Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate  
15 and entered upon their journals.

16 (C) Rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this  
17 section may be amended by the General Assembly.

18 (4) This section does not restrict the authority of the Governor  
19 to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly under Arkansas  
20 Constitution, Article 6, § 19.

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22 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and  
23 after November 9, 2022.

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

28 (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot  
29 title; and

30 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to  
31 Allow the General Assembly to Convene in Extraordinary Session Upon the  
32 Issuance of a Joint Written Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of  
33 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or Upon the  
34 Submission of a Written Proclamation Containing the Signatures of At Least  
35 Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the House of Representatives and At Least  
36 Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Requesting that  
2 the General Assembly Convene in Extraordinary Session".

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