

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

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

8 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING
9 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS ALLOWING A
10 CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE TO BE CERTIFIED AS ELECTED
11 WITHOUT APPEARING ON THE BALLOT WHEN HE OR SHE IS THE
12 ONLY CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE AT THE ELECTION.

Subtitle

15 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING
16 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LAWS
17 GOVERNING ELECTIONS IN WHICH THERE IS
18 ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE.

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH 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, Article 3, is amended to add an
34 additional section to read as follows:

35 § 13. Procedures for elections with one candidate.

36 (a) As used in this section, "election" means:



- 1 (1) A primary election;
- 2 (2) A special primary election;
- 3 (3) A general election; and
- 4 (4) A special election.

5 (b) The General Assembly may enact laws providing that if there is
6 only one (1) person qualified as a candidate for an office after all
7 deadlines for filing as a candidate have passed so that there will be only
8 one (1) name listed on the election ballot for the office and no write-in
9 candidates qualify to appear as candidates for the office on the election
10 ballot:

11 (1) The one (1) candidate for the office shall be declared
12 elected and his or her name shall not appear on the election ballot;

13 (2) The name of the candidate declared elected shall be
14 certified as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted
15 upon at the election; and

16 (3) The election shall not be held if no other office or
17 issue is on the ballot.

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19 SECTION 2. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed
20 amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election
21 ballot:

22 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot
23 title; and

24 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment
25 Authorizing the General Assembly to Enact Laws Allowing a Candidate for an
26 Office to Be Certified as Elected Without Appearing on the Ballot when there
27 is Only One Candidate for the Office at an Election."