

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

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5 By: Senator Rapert

6 By: Representative Gazaway

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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*AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE*

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*THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS HAVE A*

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*FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, AMMUNITION,*

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*AND ACCESSORIES TYPICAL TO THE NORMAL FUNCTION OF*

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*SUCH ARMS, FOR THE DEFENSE OF THEIR HOMES, PERSONS,*

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*FAMILY, AND PROPERTY, FOR THEIR COMMON AND INDIVIDUAL*

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*DEFENSE, AND FOR HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.*

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**Subtitle**

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*ARKANSAS HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO KEEP*

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

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STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL

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MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of

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the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state

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for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives

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and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election

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adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of

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the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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1 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 § 5. *Right to bear arms.*

4 (a) *The citizens of this State shall have the right to keep and bear*  
5 *arms, for their common defense have a fundamental right to keep and bear*  
6 *arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of such*  
7 *arms, for the defense of their homes, persons, family, and property, for*  
8 *their common and individual defense, and for hunting and recreational*  
9 *purposes.*

10 (b) *The rights guaranteed by this section shall not be denied nor*  
11 *infringed by the State of Arkansas or any political subdivision of the State*  
12 *of Arkansas. The rights guaranteed by this section are unalienable. Any and*  
13 *all restrictions of the rights guaranteed by this section shall be subject to*  
14 *strict scrutiny, and the State of Arkansas and all political subdivisions of*  
15 *the State of Arkansas shall uphold and defend the rights guaranteed by this*  
16 *section and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against their*  
17 *infringement.*

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19 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and  
20 after January 1, 2023.

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

25 (1) The title of this Joint Resolution shall be the ballot  
26 title; and

27 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment to  
28 Provide that Citizens of the State of Arkansas Have a Fundamental Right to  
29 *Keep and Bear Arms, Ammunition, and Accessories Typical to the Normal*  
30 *Function of Such Arms, For the Defense of Their Homes, Persons, Family, and*  
31 *Property, For Their Common and Individual Defense, and for Hunting and*  
32 *Recreational Purposes".*

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35 /s/Rapert  
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