

## **POPULAR NAME**

AN AMENDMENT CONCERNING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, INITIATED ACTS, AND REFERENDUM

## **BALLOT TITLE**

This is a proposed change to the Arkansas Constitution.

The General Assembly (state lawmakers) cannot change the Constitution by themselves.

Before a statewide petition can be circulated, it must be sent to the Attorney General. The Attorney General will either approve the title, rewrite it, or reject it. If it is rewritten or rejected, that decision can be appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court.

The Secretary of State will give the petition a name. The Secretary of State must also publish a notice that explains how people can challenge the name or title. Any challenge must be made within 45 days. No other challenges will be allowed after that time.

For referendums, state lawmakers will decide the name and title.

Canvassers must swear that to the best of their knowledge each signature was made by a legal voter who signed in their presence.

If a bill has an emergency clause, the vote on that clause must happen at least 24 hours after the bill passes.

Only the people, not state lawmakers, can propose a change to Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Any new law that effects the initiative or referendum process must be approved by voters at the next general election.

Any state law that conflicts with this amendment will not be valid. If part of the amendment is found to be invalid, the rest will still be valid if able to stand on its own.