

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

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5 By: Senator B. Davis  
6 By: Representative Cloud

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

9 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING  
10 THAT BALLOT INITIATIVES ADOPTED AFTER JANUARY 1,  
11 2021, NOT REFERENCE ONE (1) OR MORE COUNTIES OR  
12 CITIES BY NAME IF THE INTENT OF THE REFERENCE IS TO  
13 GRANT THOSE COUNTIES OR CITIES POWERS, PRIVILEGES,  
14 OPPORTUNITIES, OR BENEFITS THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO  
15 ALL OTHER COUNTIES OR CITIES, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

**Subtitle**

19 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT  
20 FUTURE BALLOT INITIATIVES NOT REFERENCE  
21 ONE (1) OR MORE COUNTIES OR CITIES BY  
22 NAME IF THE INTENT IS TO GRANT THOSE  
23 COUNTIES OR CITIES SPECIAL POWERS,  
24 PRIVILEGES, OPPORTUNITIES, OR BENEFITS.

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
28 STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
29 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

31 THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of  
32 the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state  
33 for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives  
34 and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election  
35 adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of  
36 the State of Arkansas, to wit:



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 2 SECTION 1. The Arkansas Constitution is amended to add a new amendment  
 3 to read as follows:

4 (a) As used in this section, "ballot initiative" means:

5 (1) An initiated act or constitutional amendment proposed under  
 6 Article 5, § 1 of this Constitution; or

7 (2) A proposed constitutional amendment under Article 19, § 22  
 8 of this Constitution or Amendment 70, § 2 of this Constitution.

9 (b) A ballot initiative adopted after January 1, 2021, shall not  
 10 reference one (1) or more:

11 (1) Counties by name, if the intent of the reference is to grant  
 12 one (1) or more of those counties powers, privileges, opportunities, or  
 13 benefits that are not available to all other counties; or

14 (2) Cities by name, if the intent of the reference is to grant  
 15 one (1) or more of those cities powers, privileges, opportunities, or  
 16 benefits that are not available to all other cities.

17 (c) Subsection (b) of this amendment shall supersede a subsequent  
 18 ballot initiative that references one (1) or more counties or cities by name  
 19 in a manner prohibited by subsection (b) of this amendment.

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

24 (1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot  
 25 title; and

26 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment  
 27 Prohibiting Future Ballot Initiatives from Specifically Referencing Counties  
 28 or Cities by Name if the Intent of the Reference is to Grant Those Counties  
 29 or Cities Powers, Privileges, Opportunities, or Benefits that are not  
 30 Available to All Other Counties or Cities, As the Case May Be".