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## **ARKANSAS**

### **2018 GENERAL ELECTION**

### **AUGUST 2018**

Survey conducted August 18 through August 19, 2018. 1,503 likely 2018 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2018 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-2.5% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.



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**Q1:** Issue 3 on this November's ballot is the "Arkansas Term Limits Amendment," which provides "that no person may be elected to more than three (3) two-year terms as a member of the House of Representatives, to more than two (2) four-year terms as a member of the Senate, or to any term that, if served, would cause the member to exceed a total of ten (10) years of service in the General Assembly; and to repeal Section 2(c) of Amendment 73 that established a years-of-service limit on members of the General Assembly of sixteen (16) years..."

If the election were held today, would you vote to support or oppose Issue 3?

Strongly support this measure: 51%  
Somewhat support this measure: 18%  
**TOTAL SUPPORT: 69%**

Somewhat oppose this measure: 11%  
Strongly oppose this measure: 7%  
**TOTAL OPPOSE: 18%**

Not sure: 13%

*I will now read you a few brief statements you may hear during the November 2018 General Election. Please indicate after hearing each statement whether you would be more likely or less likely to support Issue 3, the Arkansas Term Limits Amendment.*

**Q2:** Supporters of the term limits amendment argue that, in 2014, Arkansas legislators used a deceptive ballot title to trick voters into lengthening the amount of time legislators can stay in office by nearly triple. Voters thought they were voting for legislative ethics reform. Instead, politicians gutted citizen-initiated term limits.

More likely: 55%  
Less likely: 25%  
No difference: 20%

**Q3:** Opponents argue that this new term limits amendment goes way too far. It would make Arkansas's term limits the very strictest limits in the entire nation.

More likely: 55%  
Less likely: 26%  
No difference: 19%



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**Q4:** Supporters contend that the 2014 amendment proposed by legislators made Arkansas's term limits the very weakest in the nation, allowing legislators to stay in the same seat for 16 years—and in some cases for as long as 22 years. This measure would limit legislative service to no more than 10 years.

More likely: 71%  
Less likely: 16%  
No difference: 13%

**Q5:** Opponents say Republicans should oppose this term limits amendment because stricter term limits will mean more open seat elections, without an incumbent, where Democrats may have a better chance to gain seats.

More likely: 47%  
Less likely: 30%  
No difference: 23%

**Q6:** Supporters of the term limits amendment point to the shocking number of state legislators and Arkansas lobbyists who have been criminally indicted, convicted and sent to prison for corruption since 2014, when the term limits were weakened.

More likely: 59%  
Less likely: 20%  
No difference: 21%

**Q7:** Opponents warn that because this amendment is largely retroactive, the 10-year legislative limit will force a large percentage of legislators in both chambers out of office in 2020, leaving Arkansas with a legislature full of rookies and chaos.

More likely: 46%  
Less likely: 34%  
No difference: 20%

**Q8:** Supporters complain that the 2014 measure weakening term limits also resulted in legislators receiving a 150 percent pay raise. It even made it possible for legislators to qualify for a state pension from service in a single legislative seat.

More likely: 49%  
Less likely: 35%  
No difference: 17%



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**Q9:** Opponents argue that strict term limits create legislatures filled with inexperienced and ineffective lawmakers who are easily dominated by savvy lobbyists and bureaucrats at state agencies. Supporters counter that, with the President of the United States being limited to 8 years, 10 years should be good enough for state legislators.

More likely: 62%  
Less likely: 23%  
No difference: 15%

**Q10:** Lobbyists from the state Chamber of Commerce have formed a committee to “defeat or disqualify” the term limits amendment. They are preparing to file a lawsuit to block voters from deciding the issue.

Do you believe the Chamber is opposing this out of real concern for the voters *or* to protect their friends in the legislature?

Real concern for the voters: 26%  
To protect their friends in the legislature: 60%  
Not sure: 14%

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**Q11:** Issue 3 on this November’s ballot is the “Arkansas Term Limits Amendment,” which provides “that no person may be elected to more than three (3) two-year terms as a member of the House of Representatives, to more than two (2) four-year terms as a member of the Senate, or to any term that, if served, would cause the member to exceed a total of ten (10) years of service in the General Assembly; and to repeal Section 2(c) of Amendment 73 that established a years-of-service limit on members of the General Assembly of sixteen (16) years...”.

If the election were held today, would you vote to support or oppose Issue 3?

Strongly support this measure: 58%  
Somewhat support this measure: 18%  
**TOTAL SUPPORT: 76%**

Somewhat oppose this measure: 10%  
Strongly oppose this measure: 7%  
**TOTAL OPPOSE: 17%**

Not sure: 7%



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If the election were held today, would you vote to support or oppose Issue 3?

Column %	CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	CD 4
<b>Strongly support</b>	49%	47%	58%	51%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	23%	19%	14%	17%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	12%	11%	10%	13%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	6%	11%	8%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	13%	11%	15%

Table 1. Q1 by CD

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Strongly support</b>	55%	45%	48%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	16%	23%	14%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	10%	14%	11%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	6%	6%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	12%	13%

Table 2. Q1 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Strongly support</b>	58%	43%	48%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	15%	20%	23%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	10%	15%	9%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	6%	8%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	15%	13%

Table 3. Q1 by PARTY



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If the election were held today, would you vote to support or oppose Issue 3? (Continued)

Column %	Female	Male
Strongly support	48%	54%
Somewhat support	19%	17%
Somewhat oppose	11%	12%
Strongly oppose	6%	9%
Not sure	16%	8%

Table 4. Q1 by GENDER

Column %	White	African-American	Other
Strongly support	53%	34%	61%
Somewhat support	18%	22%	14%
Somewhat oppose	11%	18%	8%
Strongly oppose	7%	5%	8%
Not sure	11%	22%	9%

Table 5. Q1 by RACE



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If the election were held today, would you vote to support or oppose Issue 3?

Column %	CD 1	CD 2	CD 3	CD 4
Strongly support	56%	60%	58%	59%
Somewhat support	23%	17%	17%	18%
Somewhat oppose	8%	10%	11%	11%
Strongly oppose	6%	9%	7%	4%
Not sure	7%	4%	8%	8%

Table 6. Q11 by CD

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Strongly support	61%	55%	58%
Somewhat support	16%	23%	19%
Somewhat oppose	11%	7%	11%
Strongly oppose	6%	6%	8%
Not sure	6%	9%	4%

Table 7. Q11 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Strongly support	62%	52%	60%
Somewhat support	16%	22%	19%
Somewhat oppose	9%	12%	9%
Strongly oppose	7%	6%	5%
Not sure	6%	8%	8%

Table 8. Q11 by PARTY



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If the election were held today, would you vote to support or oppose Issue 3? (Continued)

Column %	Female	Male
Strongly support	56%	61%
Somewhat support	18%	18%
Somewhat oppose	11%	9%
Strongly oppose	6%	8%
Not sure	8%	5%

Table 9. Q11 by GENDER

Column %	White	African-American	Other
Strongly support	61%	34%	68%
Somewhat support	16%	32%	17%
Somewhat oppose	9%	18%	1%
Strongly oppose	7%	4%	7%
Not sure	6%	12%	6%

Table 10. Q11 by RACE





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## DEMOGRAPHICS

### CD

	%
<b>CD 1</b>	23%
<b>CD 2</b>	28%
<b>CD 3</b>	23%
<b>CD 4</b>	26%

### PARTY

	%
<b>Republican</b>	49%
<b>Democrat</b>	37%
<b>Non-Partisan</b>	14%

### GENDER

	%
<b>Female</b>	54%
<b>Male</b>	46%

### IDEOLOGY

	%
<b>Conservative</b>	56%
<b>Moderate</b>	30%
<b>Liberal</b>	13%

### RACE

	%
<b>White</b>	85%
<b>African-American</b>	12%
<b>Other</b>	3%