



## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

January 7, 2015 - Introduced by Senators TIFFANY, DARLING, FARROW, LASEE, LAZICH, LEMAHIEU, MOULTON, NASS, OLSEN, VUKMIR and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives HUTTON, AUGUST, KRUG, BALLWEG, E. BROOKS, CRAIG, CZAJA, HORLACHER, JACQUE, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KNUDSON, KOOYENGA, KUGLITSCH, KULP, MURSAU, NEYLON, A. OTT, PETERSEN, QUINN, SANFELIPPO, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI, TAUCHEN, TITTL, VORPAGEL, WEATHERSTON, KAPENGA and SWEARINGEN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

- 1 **To amend** section 4 (2) of article VII of the constitution; **relating to:** election of chief  
2 justice (second consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

#### **EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL**

This constitutional amendment, to be given second consideration by the 2015 legislature for submittal to the voters in April 2015, was first considered by the 2013 legislature in 2013 Senate Joint Resolution 57, which became 2013 Enrolled Joint Resolution 16.

The amendment directs the supreme court to elect a chief justice for a term of two years.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION**

When a proposed constitutional amendment is before the legislature on second consideration, any change in the text approved by the preceding legislature causes the proposed constitutional amendment to revert to first consideration status so that second consideration approval would have to be given by the next legislature before the proposal may be submitted to the people for ratification [see joint rule 57 (2)].

If the legislature approves a proposed constitutional amendment on second consideration, it must also set the date for submitting the proposed constitutional

