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

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 4 (2) of article VII of the constitution is amended to read:

[Article VII] Section 4 (2) The justice having been longest a continuous member of said court, or in case 2 or more such justices shall have served for the same length of time, the justice whose term first expires, shall be the chief justice. The chief justice of the supreme court shall be elected for a term of 2 years by a majority of the justices then serving on the court. The justice so designated as chief justice may, irrevocably, decline to serve as chief justice or resign as chief justice but continue to serve as a justice of the supreme court.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three months previous to the time of holding such election.