



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 84

November 9, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives SANFELIPPO, CRAIG, NYGREN, BRANDTJEN, MACCO, JACQUE, SKOWRONSKI and WEATHERSTON, cosponsored by Senators KAPENGA and NASS. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **To amend** section 1 of article X of the constitution; **relating to:** appointment of the
2 state superintendent of public instruction by the governor with the advice and
3 consent of the senate (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2015 legislature on first consideration, provides that the state superintendent of public instruction shall be nominated by the governor and, with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Currently, the state superintendent is elected in a state-wide election, to serve a four-year term.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it becomes effective.

4 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of article X of the constitution is amended to read:

6 [Article X] Section 1. The supervision of public instruction shall be vested in
7 a state superintendent and such other officers as the legislature shall direct; and
8 their qualifications, powers, duties and compensation shall be prescribed by law. The
9 state superintendent shall be ~~chosen by the qualified electors of the state at the same~~

1 time and in the same manner as members of the supreme court, and shall hold office
2 for 4 years from the succeeding first Monday in July nominated by the governor and,
3 with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed to serve at the pleasure of the
4 governor. The term of office, time and manner of electing or appointing all other
5 officers of supervision of public instruction shall be fixed by law.

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

9 (END)