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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 12

January 28, 1997 - Offered by Representatives Hubler and Lorge.

1	To amend section 4 (1), (3) and (5) of article VI; and to create section 4 (6) of article
2	VI of the constitution; relating to: 4-year terms of office for, appointment of
3	vacancies in the offices of, and the restriction on holding any other office by
4	sheriffs and clerks (1st consideration).
5	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:
6	Section 1. Section 4 (1), (3) and (5) of article VI of the constitution are amended
7	to read:
8	[Article VI] Section 4 (1) Sheriffs Except as provided in sub. (2), coroners
9	registers of deeds, district attorneys, and all other elected county officers except
10	judicial officers, sheriffs, clerks and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the
11	electors of the respective counties once in every 2 years.
12	(3) (a) Sheriffs shall may not hold no any other partisan office.

(b) Sheriffs may be required by law to renew their security from time to time,

and in default of giving such new security their office shall be deemed vacant.

(c) Beginning with the first general election at which the governor is elected	
which occurs after the ratification of this paragraph, sheriffs and clerks shall be	
chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 4 years.	
(5) All vacancies in the offices of sheriff, coroner, register of deeds or district	
attorney shall be filled by appointment. The person appointed to fill a vacancy shall	
hold office only for the unexpired portion of the term to which appointed and until	
a successor shall be elected and qualified.	
Section 2. Section 4 (6) of article VI of the constitution is created to read:	
[Article VI] Section 4 (6) When a vacancy occurs in the office of sheriff or clerk,	
the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the governor, and the person appointed	
shall serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified.	
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 3	

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months previous to the time of holding such election.