
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend section (4) (1), (3) and (5) of article VI; and *to create* section 4 (6) of article VI of the constitution; **relating to:** 4-year terms of office for, appointment of, vacancies in the offices of, and the restriction on holding any other office by, sheriffs (2nd consideration).

Whereas, the 1995 legislature in regular session proposed an amendment to the constitution in 1995 Assembly Joint Resolution 37, which became Enrolled Joint Resolution 23, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the 2 houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 (1), (3) and (5) of article VI of the constitution are amended to read:

[Article VI] Section 4 (1) ~~Sheriffs~~ Except as provided in sub. (2), coroners, registers of deeds, district attorneys, and all other elected county officers except judicial officers, ~~sheriffs~~ and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 2 years.

(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 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.

QUESTION 1: *Terms of office for, appointment of, vacancies in the offices of, and the restriction on holding any other office by, sheriffs.* Shall section 4 (1), (3) and (5) of article VI of the constitution be amended and section 4 (6) of article VI of the constitution be created to extend the terms of office of sheriffs from 2 years to 4 years, to allow sheriffs to hold nonpartisan offices, and to require that vacancies in the office of sheriffs be filled by appointment of the governor until a successor is elected and qualified?

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