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## 1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 37

April 28, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Krusick, Walker, Albers, Bock, Brandemuehl, Dobyns, Foti, Goetsch, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Handrick, Hutchison, Hoven, Jensen, Ladwig, La Fave, Lehman, Linton, Musser, Olsen, Otte, Owens, Plombon, Reynolds, Ryba, Schneiders, Seratti, Springer, Turner, Urban, Vander Loop, Wasserman, L. Young and Zukowski, cosponsored by Senators Buettner, Andrea, Breske, Burke, Darling, Drzewiecki, Fitzgerald, Huelsman, A. Lasee, Leean, Moen, Panzer, C. Potter and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

**To amend** section 4 (1) and (3) of article VI of the constitution; **relating to:** 4-year terms of office for, and the restriction on holding any other office by, sheriffs (first consideration).

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 1995 legislature on first consideration, extends the elected term of the office of county sheriff from 2 years to 4 years beginning with the general election in 2000.

This constitutional amendment retains the existing prohibition that a sheriff shall hold no other office, but applies it only to the holding of offices of public trust and provides that the prohibition continues during the term for which elected or appointed.

As a constitutional amendment, the proposal requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

## Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

**SECTION 1.** Section 4 (1) and (3) 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.

1	(3) (a) Sheriffs shall may not hold no any other office of public trust during the
2	term for which elected or appointed.
3	(b) Sheriffs may be required by law to renew their security from time to time,
4	and in default of giving such new security their office shall be deemed vacant.
5	(c) Beginning with the general election in 2000, sheriffs shall be chosen by the
6	electors of the respective counties once in every 4 years.
7	Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the
8	legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3
9	months previous to the time of holding such election.
10	(END)