



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

April 4, 1995 - Introduced by Senators BUETTNER, DRZEWIECKI, A. LASEE, FITZGERALD, ANDREA, BRESKE, BURKE, DARLING, HUELSMAN, LEEAN, MOEN, PANZER, C. POTTER and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives KRUSICK, DOBYNS, ALBERS, BOCK, BRANDEMUEHL, 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, WALKER, WASSERMAN, L. YOUNG and ZUKOWSKI. Referred to Committee on State Government Operations and Corrections.

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

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

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