

[Jt. Res. No. 9, S.]

No. 26, 1925.

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend sections 2 and 3 of article VII of the constitution, relating to the jurisdiction of the judiciary over acts of the legislature.

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*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That sections 2 and 3 of article VII of the constitution be amended to read: (Article VII) SECTION 2. The judicial power of this state, *subject to the limitations and conditions imposed by this constitution*, both as to matters of law and equity, shall be vested in a supreme court, circuit courts, courts of probate, and in justices of the peace. The legislature may also vest such jurisdiction as shall be deemed necessary in municipal courts, and shall have power to establish inferior courts in the several counties, with limited civil and criminal jurisdiction. Provided, that the jurisdiction which may be vested in municipal courts shall not exceed in their respective municipalities that of circuit courts in their respective circuits as prescribed in this constitution; and that the legislature shall provide as well for the election of judges of the municipal courts as of the judges of inferior courts, by the qualified electors of the respective jurisdictions. The term of office of the judges of the said municipal and inferior courts shall not be longer than that of the judges of the circuit courts.

SECTION 3. The supreme court, except in cases otherwise provided in this constitution, shall have appellate jurisdiction only, which shall be coextensive with the state; but in no case removed to the supreme court shall a trial by jury be allowed. The supreme court shall have a general superintending control over all inferior courts; it shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction, quo warranto, certiorari, and other original and remedial writs, and to hear and determine the same. *The supreme court alone shall have jurisdiction to pass upon the question of the constitutionality of the acts of the legislature, and no act of the legislature shall be void as unconstitutional unless so declared by a decision of the supreme court concurred in by a number of judges which shall be not less than two-thirds of the entire number of judges participating in such decision. If a*

*determination of the question of the constitutionality of any act of the legislature is necessary to the decision of any matter pending in an inferior court, such inferior court may certify such question to the supreme court which shall then determine the same.*

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[Jt. Res. No. 25, A.]

No. 27, 1925.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the secretary of state for certain information.

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*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the secretary of state is requested to furnish to each house as promptly as is practicable in writing the following information:*

1. The number of state owned automobiles with the make and purchase price of each.

2. The number of drivers of such cars paid by the state.

3. The departments of state government having such automobiles and the number used by each, and

4. The departments of state government having no such automobiles; and be it further

*Resolved, That the passage of this resolution shall be notice to the secretary of state of the information herein requested.*

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[Jt. Res. No. 30, A.]

No. 29, 1925.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the congress to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the election of president and vice-president by popular vote.

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WHEREAS, Under the present provisions of the constitution of the United States the president and vice-president are elected by the members of the electoral college; and