SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,

TO 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 64

February 23, 2000 – Offered by Senator WIRCH.

1   ***To renumber and amend*** section 12 of article VII; and ***to create*** section 12 (2) of

2   article VII of the constitution; **relating to:** 4–year terms of office for clerks of

3   circuit court (first consideration).

4   ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

5   SECTION 1. Section 12 of article VII of the constitution is renumbered section

6 12 (1) of article VII and amended to read:

7   [Article VII] Section 12 (1) There shall be a clerk of ~~the~~ circuit court chosen in

8 each county organized for judicial purposes by the qualified electors thereof, who,

9 except as provided in sub. (2), shall hold ~~his~~ office for two years, subject to removal

10 as ~~shall be~~ provided by law~~; in~~.

11   (3) In case of a vacancy, the judge of the circuit court ~~shall have power to~~ may

12 appoint a clerk until the vacancy ~~shall be~~ is filled by an election~~; the~~.

1   (4) The clerk ~~thus elected or appointed~~ <u>of circuit court</u> shall give such security

2   as the legislature ~~may require~~ <u>requires by law</u>.

3   <u>(5)</u> The supreme court shall appoint its own clerk, and <u>may appoint</u> a clerk of

4   the circuit court ~~may be appointed a~~ <u>to be the</u> clerk of the supreme court.

5   **SECTION 2.** Section 12 (2) of article VII of the constitution is created to read:

6   [Article VII] Section 12 (2) Beginning with the first general election at which

7   the governor is elected which occurs after the ratification of this subsection, a clerk

8   of circuit court shall be chosen by the electors of all of the respective counties

9   comprising each circuit for the term of 4 years, subject to removal as provided by law.

10   **SECTION 3. Numbering of new provision.** The new subsection (2) of section

11   12 of article VII of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated

12   by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if,

13   before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint

14   resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (2) of section 12

15   of article VII of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create

16   a subsection (2) of section 12 of article VII simultaneously with the ratification by the

17   people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections created

18   shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created by the

19   joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers

20   designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other joint

21   resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the numbers

22   of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

1   ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the

2   legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3

3   months previous to the time of holding such election.

4   **(END)**