

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20**

December 1, 1999 – Offered by Senator BRESKE.

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 senate, the assembly 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 of circuit court~~ shall give such security
2 as the legislature ~~may require~~ requires by law.

3 ~~(5) The supreme court shall appoint its own clerk, and may appoint a clerk of~~
4 ~~the circuit court may be appointed a~~ to be the 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.

