

## 2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

January 12, 2001 – Introduced by Senator BURKE, cosponsored by Representative HUBER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform.

1     **To amend** section 4 (1) of article VI; and **to create** section 4 (7) of article VI of the  
2           constitution; **relating to:** 4-year terms of office for district attorneys (first  
3           consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

#### EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2001 legislature on first consideration, extends the terms of office of district attorneys from 2 years to 4 years. The change begins with district attorneys who are elected at the first general election that occurs following ratification by the voters.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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4           **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**  
5           **SECTION 1.** Section 4 (1) of article VI of the constitution is amended to read:  
6           [Article VI] Section 4 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), coroners, registers of  
7           deeds, ~~district attorneys~~, and all other elected county officers except judicial officers,  
8           ~~sheriffs, district attorneys~~ and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the electors  
9           of the respective counties once in every 2 years.

1           **SECTION 2.** Section 4 (7) of article VI of the constitution is created to read:

2           [Article VI] Section 4 (7) Beginning with the first general election that occurs  
3 following ratification of this subsection, district attorneys shall be chosen by the  
4 electors of the respective counties once in every 4 years.

5           **SECTION 3. Numbering of new provision.** The new subsection (7) of section  
6 4 of article VI of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated  
7 by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if,  
8 before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint  
9 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (7) of section 4 of  
10 article VI of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a  
11 subsection (7) of section 4 of article VI simultaneously with the ratification by the  
12 people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections created  
13 shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created by the  
14 joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers  
15 designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other joint  
16 resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the numbers  
17 of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

18           ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
19 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3  
20 months previous to the time of holding such election.

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(END)