



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27**

April 24, 1996 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

1     **To amend** section 4 (1) and (3) of article VI and section 12 of article VII; and **to**  
2     **create** section 4 (1) (b) and (c) of article VI of the constitution; **relating to:**  
3     4-year terms of office for, and the restriction on holding any other office by,  
4     certain county officers (first consideration).

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

6     **SECTION 1.** Section 4 (1) of article VI of the constitution is amended to read:

7     [Article VI] Section 4 (1) ~~Sheriffs, coroners, registers of deeds, district~~  
8     ~~attorneys, and all other elected county officers~~ (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) and  
9     (c) and sub. (2) and except for judicial officers and chief executive officers, all elected  
10    county officers shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every  
11    2 years.

12    **SECTION 2.** Section 4 (1) (b) and (c) of article VI of the constitution are created  
13    to read:

14    [Article VI] Section 4 (1) (b) Beginning with the first general election at which  
15    the governor is elected which occurs after the ratification of this paragraph, sheriffs  
16    and registers of deeds shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties for

1 the term of 4 years and surveyors in counties in which the office of surveyor is filled  
2 by election shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties for the term of  
3 4 years.

4 (c) Beginning with the first general election at which the president is elected  
5 which occurs after the ratification of this paragraph, district attorneys, clerks and  
6 treasurers shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties for the term of  
7 4 years and coroners in counties in which the office of coroner is filled by election shall  
8 be chosen by the electors of the respective counties for the term of 4 years.

9 **SECTION 3.** Section 4 (3) of article VI of the constitution is amended to read:

10 [Article VI] Section 4 (3) Sheriffs shall may not hold ~~no~~ any other partisan  
11 elected office. Sheriffs may be required by law to renew their security from time to  
12 time, and in default of giving such new security their office shall be deemed vacant.

13 **SECTION 4.** Section 12 of article VII of the constitution is amended to read:

14 [Article VII] Section 12. There (1) Beginning with the first general election at  
15 which the governor is elected which occurs after the ratification of this subsection,  
16 there shall be a clerk of the circuit court chosen in each county organized for judicial  
17 purposes by the qualified electors thereof, who shall hold his office for ~~two~~ 4 years,  
18 ~~subject to removal as,~~

19 (2) Removal from office of any clerk of circuit court shall be as provided by law;  
20 ~~in,~~

21 (3) In case of a vacancy, the judge of the circuit court ~~shall have power to~~ may  
22 appoint a clerk until the vacancy ~~shall be~~ is filled by an election; ~~the,~~

23 (4) The clerk thus elected or appointed of circuit court shall give such security  
24 as the legislature may require is required by law.

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

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

**(END)**