



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

April 12, 1995 - Introduced by Senators A. LASEE, FITZGERALD, DRZEWIECKI, LEEAN, BUETTNER, PETAK, SCHULTZ, WEEDEN, PANZER, HUELSMAN and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives WALKER, KRUSICK, HANDRICK, LEHMAN, ALBERS, BRANDEMUEHL, DOBYNS, GOETSCH, HAHN, MUSSER, GROTHMAN, GUNDERSON, HOVEN, OTTE, OWENS, HUTCHISON, PORTER, SCHNEIDERS, SERATTI, ZUKOWSKI, L. YOUNG, WASSERMAN, RYBA, R. POTTER, PLOMBON, LA FAVE, LADWIG, OLSEN, LAZICH, BOCK and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on State Government Operations and Corrections.

1 **To amend** section 4 (1) and (3) of article VI of the constitution; **relating to:** 4-year
2 terms of office for, and the restriction on holding any other office by, sheriffs
3 (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 1995 legislature on first consideration, extends the elected term of the office of county sheriff from 2 years to 4 years beginning with the general election in 2000.

This constitutional amendment retains the existing prohibition that a sheriff shall hold no other office, but applies it only to the holding of offices of public trust and provides that the prohibition continues during the term for which elected or appointed.

As a constitutional amendment, the proposal requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 4 (1) and (3) of article VI of the constitution are amended
6 to read:

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

SECTION 1

1 (3) (a) Sheriffs shall may not hold no any other office of public trust during the
2 term for which elected or appointed.

3 (b) Sheriffs may be required by law to renew their security from time to time,
4 and in default of giving such new security their office shall be deemed vacant.

5 (c) Beginning with the general election in 2000, sheriffs shall be chosen by the
6 electors of the respective counties once in every 4 years.

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

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(END)