

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5047

By Representative Swenson, Barnes, Crow, Flaharty, Hermes, Huff,
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A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 1 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to election of the governor and lieutenant governor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 1 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 1. **Executive officers; selection; terms.** The constitutional officers of the executive department shall be the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general, who shall have such qualifications as are provided by law. Such officers shall be chosen by the electors of this state at the time of voting for members of the legislature in the year 1974 and every four years thereafter, and such officers elected in 1974 and thereafter shall have terms of four years which shall begin on the second Monday of January next after their election, and until their successors are elected and qualified. In the year 1974 and thereafter, at all elections of governor and lieutenant governor the candidates for such offices shall be nominated and elected jointly in such manner as is prescribed by law so that a single vote shall be cast for a candidate for governor and a candidate for lieutenant governor running together, and if such candidates are nominated by petition or convention each petition signature and each convention vote shall be made for a candidate for governor and a candidate for lieutenant governor running together. ~~No person may be elected to more than two successive terms as governor nor to more than two successive terms as lieutenant governor.~~”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

1 *“Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to re-
2 move the limitation on the number of terms for which a person
3 can be elected as governor or lieutenant governor.

4 “A vote for this amendment favors removing the current limitation
5 of two successive terms on the number of terms to which a per-
6 son can be elected as governor or lieutenant governor.

7 “A vote against this amendment favors retaining the current limi-
8 tation of two successive terms on the number of terms to which
9 a person can be elected as governor or lieutenant governor.”

10 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
11 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and
12 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
13 Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.
14 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as pro-
15 vided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
16 to the electors of the state at the general election in the year 2002 unless
17 a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of
18 the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the
19 state at the special election.

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