

1 four (4) years from the first Tuesday of January next succeeding their election and until their
2 successors are elected and qualified. No person shall serve consecutively in the same general
3 office for more than two (2) full terms, excluding any partial term of less than two (2) years
4 previously served. The senators and representatives in the general assembly shall be elected on
5 the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, biennially in even numbered years, and shall
6 severally hold their offices for two (2) years from the first Tuesday of January next succeeding
7 their election and until their successors are elected and qualified. Recall is authorized in the case
8 of a general officer who has been indicted or informed against for a felony, convicted of a
9 misdemeanor, or against whom a finding of probable cause of violation of the code of ethics has
10 been made by the ethics commission. Recall shall not, however be instituted at any time during
11 the first six (6) months or the last year of an individual's term of office. Such a recall may be
12 instituted by filing with the state board of elections an application for issuance of a recall petition
13 against said general officer which is signed by duly qualified electors equal to three percent (3%)
14 of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election for that office. If, upon
15 verification, the application is determined to contain signatures of the required number of
16 electors, the state board of elections shall issue a recall petition for circulation amongst the
17 electors of the state. Within ninety (90) days of issuance, recall petitions containing the signatures
18 of duly qualified electors constituting fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of votes cast in
19 the last preceding general election for said office must be filed with the state board of elections.
20 The signatures to the application and to the recall petition need not all be on one (1) sheet of
21 paper, but each such application and petition must contain an identical statement naming the
22 person to be recalled, the general office held by said person, and the grounds for such recall set
23 forth in a statement of one hundred (100) words or less approved by the board of elections. Each
24 signatory must set forth his or her signature as it appears on the voting list, the date of signing,
25 and his or her place of residence. The person witnessing the signatures of each elector on said
26 petition must sign a statement under oath on said sheet attesting that the signatures thereon are
27 genuine and were signed in his or her presence. If the requisite number of signatures are not
28 obtained within said ninety (90) days period, the recall effort shall terminate. Upon verification of
29 the requisite number of signatures, a special election shall be scheduled at which the issue of
30 removing said office holder and the grounds therefor shall be placed before the electors of the
31 state. If a majority of those voting support removal of said office holder, the office shall be
32 immediately declared vacant and shall be filled in accordance with the constitution and laws of
33 the state. The person so removed shall not be eligible to fill the unexpired portion of the term of
34 office. The general assembly shall provide by statute for implementation of the recall process.

1 2016. The voting places in the several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours
2 required by law for voting therein for members of the state general assembly; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to
4 be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said
5 meetings of said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices to
6 be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward or
7 district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward or district meetings to be
8 held as aforesaid; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the town, ward and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be
10 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward and
11 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
12 ward and district meetings for the next general election of members to the state general assembly
13 and such other general officers of the state as may be up for election.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- ELIMINATION OF OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR

- 1 This resolution would propose a constitutional amendment eliminating the office of
- 2 lieutenant governor to be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at the next
- 3 statewide general election to be held in November 2016.

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