



General Assembly

***Senate Joint Resolution
No. 14***

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LCO No. 5353



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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE
CONSTITUTION INCREASING THE LEGISLATIVE TERM OF OFFICE.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
3 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and purposes,
4 become a part thereof:

5 Section 8 of article third of the Constitution is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 8. A general election for members of the general assembly shall
8 be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 2030,
9 [biennially, in the even-numbered years] and quadrennially thereafter.
10 The general assembly shall have power to enact laws regulating and
11 prescribing the order and manner of voting for such members, for filling
12 vacancies in either the house of representatives or the senate, and
13 providing for the election of representatives or senators at some time
14 subsequent to the Tuesday after the first Monday of November in all

15 cases when it shall so happen that the electors in any district shall fail
16 on that day to elect a representative or senator.

17 Section 10 of article third of the Constitution is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Sec. 10. The members of the general assembly shall hold their offices
20 from the Wednesday following the first Monday of the January next
21 succeeding their election until the Wednesday after the first Monday of
22 the [third] fifth January next succeeding their election, and until their
23 successors are duly qualified.

24 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
25 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
26 elected at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026, and
27 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
28 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026,
29 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments
30 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
31 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
32 State be amended to increase the term of office for members of the
33 General Assembly from two years to four years?".

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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