



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Senate Joint Resolution No. 14***

*January Session, 2025*



### ***RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION MODIFYING 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] General elections for members of the  
8 general assembly shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of  
9 November [, biennially, in the even-numbered years] of the second,  
10 sixth and tenth years following the year in which the decennial census  
11 of the United States is taken. The general assembly shall have power to  
12 enact laws regulating and prescribing the order and manner of voting  
13 for such members, for filling vacancies in either the house of  
14 representatives or the senate, and providing for the election of  
15 representatives or senators at some time subsequent to the Tuesday after  
16 the first Monday of November in all cases when it shall so happen that  
17 the electors in any district shall fail on that day to elect a representative  
18 or senator.

19 Section 10 of article third of the Constitution is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 Sec. 10. a. The members of the general assembly elected on the  
22 Tuesday after the first Monday of November of the second year  
23 following the year in which the decennial census of the United States is  
24 taken shall hold their offices from the Wednesday following the first  
25 Monday of the January next succeeding their election until the  
26 Wednesday after the first Monday of the [third] fifth January next  
27 succeeding their election, and until their successors are duly qualified.

28 b. The members of the general assembly elected on the Tuesday after  
29 the first Monday of November of the sixth year following the year in  
30 which the decennial census of the United States is taken shall hold their  
31 offices from the Wednesday following the first Monday of the January  
32 next succeeding their election until the Wednesday after the first  
33 Monday of the fifth January next succeeding their election, and until  
34 their successors are duly qualified.

35 c. The members of the general assembly elected on the Tuesday after  
36 the first Monday of November of the tenth year following the year in  
37 which the decennial census of the United States is taken shall hold their  
38 offices from the Wednesday following the first Monday of the January  
39 next succeeding their election until the Wednesday after the first  
40 Monday of the third January next succeeding their election, and until  
41 their successors are duly qualified.

42 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
43 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
44 elected at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026, and  
45 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
46 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026,  
47 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments  
48 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be  
49 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the  
50 State be amended to provide, after each decennial redistricting, for two

- 51 four-year legislative terms and a two-year legislative term?".

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In the ballot designation, "followed by" was changed to "and" for clarity.

***GAE***      *Joint Favorable Subst.*