

1 in the term of the office a new election shall be held for the purpose of filling the vacancy. The
2 general assembly shall provide by general law for the holding of such elections. Every person
3 elected in accordance with this section shall hold office for the remainder of the term or for the
4 full term, as the case may be, of the office which that person is elected to fill and until a successor
5 is elected and qualified.

6 RESOLVED, That this amendment shall take, in the Constitution of the state, the place of
7 Article IV Section 4 of the Constitution;

8 It is further

9 RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors
10 for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the
11 several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for
12 general officers of the state; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to
14 be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said
15 meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices
16 to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward,
17 or district meetings and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district meetings to
18 be held as aforesaid; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be
20 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and
21 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
22 ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

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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 OF THE STATE -- PROCEDURE TO FILL
VACANCY IN OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY OF
STATE, ATTORNEY GENERAL OR GENERAL TREASURER

1 This resolution would present to the electors a Rhode Island constitutional amendment
2 which would provide the procedure to fill vacancies in the offices of lieutenant governor,
3 secretary of state, attorney general or general treasurer. Said procedure would empower the
4 general assembly to fill vacancies with less than two (2) years remaining in the term and require a
5 special election to fill vacancies with two (2) or more years remaining in the term.

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