

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 103

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to provide for popular election of the Attorney General and Reporter for the State.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

Beginning with the August 2020 general election, and every four years thereafter, an attorney general and reporter for the state shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years. The ballot for attorney general and reporter shall include not more than two candidates: one of whom shall be nominated by the governor and one of whom shall be nominated by joint vote of both houses of the General Assembly. Until the August 2020 general election, the judges of the Supreme Court shall retain power to fill any vacancy arising in the office of attorney general and reporter. After the August 2020 general election, the judges of the Supreme Court shall appoint a qualified person to fill an interim vacancy in the office of attorney general and reporter until the next biennial election recurring more than thirty days after the vacancy occurs. Each attorney general and reporter shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be an attorney duly licensed in this state, and shall have been a citizen of this state at

least seven years immediately preceding election or appointment. No person shall be eligible for election or appointment as attorney general and reporter for more than two terms consecutively, including any election or appointment for a partial term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.