

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 655

By Rudd

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article II and Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to special counsel.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH 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 II of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The Legislature may from time to time appoint special counsel to investigate, indict, and prosecute allegations of criminal conduct committed by state and local officials, departments, and agencies. Special counsel shall be authorized by joint resolution defining the nature and scope of the inquiry and adopted by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House of the General Assembly. Special counsel may be terminated by joint resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members to which each House of the General Assembly is entitled. The Legislature is authorized to prescribe such provisions as may be necessary to carry out this section.

It is further proposed, that Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the language "(except on question of adjournment and proposals of specific amendments to the Constitution)" and substituting instead the following language:

(except on question of adjournment, authorization or termination of  
special counsel, and proposals of specific amendments to the Constitution)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred  
Eleventh 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.