

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 657

By Griffey

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 ELEVENTH 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 substituting instead the following:

Beginning with the November 2024 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 and until a successor is elected and qualified. Until the November 2024 general election, the Justices of the Supreme Court shall retain power to fill any vacancy arising in the office of attorney general and reporter. The 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 the election. A person shall not be eligible for election as attorney general and reporter for more than two terms consecutively, excluding an election for a partial term. If a person previously elected as attorney general and reporter, after vacating the office, remains out of office for a period of four consecutive years, the person is eligible for election as attorney general and reporter as provided in this section.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Twelfth 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 chief clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state.