

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to provide for appointment of the Attorney General and Reporter by joint vote of the General Assembly.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 March 1, 2023, and every four years thereafter, an attorney general and reporter for the state shall be appointed by joint vote of both houses of the General Assembly and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed. Prior to March 1, 2023, the judges of the Supreme Court shall retain power to temporarily fill any vacancy arising in the office of attorney general and reporter for a term not to extend beyond February 28, 2023. Vacancies in the office of attorney general and reporter occurring after March 1, 2023, shall be filled by joint vote of both houses of the General Assembly for the remainder of the original term. 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 appointment.

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 Senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.