

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

By Beavers

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH 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 language, as a new paragraph:

An attorney general and reporter for the state shall be selected by gubernatorial appointment with legislative confirmation and shall hold office for a term of four years. If a vacancy arises for any reason, then the solicitor general for the state shall serve as attorney general and reporter until the vacancy is filled by gubernatorial appointment with legislative confirmation. 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 for the seven-year period immediately preceding appointment. The Legislature shall prescribe such rules as may be necessary to implement this paragraph.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon ratification of the amendment proposed herein at the November 2014 general election, the four-year term of the attorney general and reporter shall commence on February 1, 2015 and every four (4) years thereafter.

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