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IN ASSEMBLY

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Committee on Election Law

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 1 of article 4 of the constitution, in
relation to establishing a county representation system for electing
the governor and lieutenant-governor within the state

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 1 of article
2 4 of the constitution be amended and a new section 1-a is added to read
3 as follows:

4 Section 1. (a) The executive power shall be vested in the governor,
5 who shall hold office for four years; the lieutenant-governor shall be
6 chosen at the same time, and for the same term. The governor and lieu-
7 tenant-governor shall be chosen at the general election held in the year
8 nineteen hundred thirty-eight, and each fourth year thereafter. They
9 shall be chosen jointly, by the casting by each voter of a single vote
10 applicable to both offices, and the legislature by law shall provide for
11 making such choice in such manner. The respective persons having the
12 highest number of county representation votes cast jointly for them for
13 governor and lieutenant-governor respectively shall be elected.

14 (b) In the event a majority of county representation votes are not for
15 a single person for the governor or lieutenant-governor, the respective
16 person having the highest number of votes cast jointly for them for
17 governor or lieutenant-governor respectively shall be elected.

18 § 1-a. (a) County representation votes for the governor and lieuten-
19 ant-governor shall be distributed such that each county within the state
20 is assigned three county representation votes.

21 (b) County representation votes shall be cast for the governor and
22 lieutenant-governor from each county based on the respective persons
23 having the largest number of votes cast jointly for them for the gover-
24 nor and lieutenant-governor respectively from such county.

25 § 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be
26 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
2 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
3 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.