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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 2 of article 19 of the constitution, in relation to the election of delegates

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 2 of arti-
2 cle 19 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:
3 S 2. At the general election to be held in the year nineteen hundred
4 fifty-seven, and every twentieth year thereafter, and also at such times
5 as the legislature may by law provide, the question "Shall there be a
6 convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?" shall be
7 submitted to and decided by the electors of the state; and in case a
8 majority of the electors voting thereon shall decide in favor of a
9 convention for such purpose, the electors of every senate district of
10 the state, as then organized, shall elect three delegates at the next
11 ensuing general election, and the electors of the state voting at the
12 same election shall elect fifteen delegates-at-large. NO PERSON ACTING
13 AS A POLITICAL PARTY CHAIRPERSON, AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICER, AN INDIVID-
14 UAL WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC
15 INTEGRITY AND ANY OTHER PERSON WHO IS AN OFFICER OF AN ORGANIZATION,
16 ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION THAT RECEIVES PUBLIC FUNDING SHALL BE ELECTED
17 AS A DELEGATE. The delegates so elected shall convene at the capitol on
18 the first Tuesday of April next ensuing after their election, and shall
19 continue their session until the business of such convention shall have
20 been completed. Every delegate shall receive for his or her services the
21 same compensation as shall then be annually payable to the members of
22 the assembly and be reimbursed for actual traveling expenses, while the
23 convention is in session, to the extent that a member of the assembly
24 would then be entitled thereto in the case of a session of the legisla-
25 ture. A majority of the convention shall constitute a quorum for the
26 transaction of business, and no amendment to the constitution shall be
27 submitted for approval to the electors as hereinafter provided, unless

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

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1 by the assent of a majority of all the delegates elected to the conven-
2 tion, the ayes and noes being entered on the journal to be kept. The
3 convention shall have the power to appoint such officers, employees and
4 assistants as it may deem necessary, and fix their compensation and to
5 provide for the printing of its documents, journal, proceedings and
6 other expenses of said convention. The convention shall determine the
7 rules of its own proceedings, choose its own officers, and be the judge
8 of the election, returns and qualifications of its members. In case of a
9 vacancy, by death, resignation or other cause, of any district delegate
10 elected to the convention, such vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the
11 remaining delegates representing the district in which such vacancy
12 occurs. If such vacancy occurs in the office of a delegate-at-large,
13 such vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the remaining delegates-at-
14 large. Any proposed constitution or constitutional amendment which shall
15 have been adopted by such convention, shall be submitted to a vote of
16 the electors of the state at the time and in the manner provided by such
17 convention, at an election which shall be held not less than six weeks
18 after the adjournment of such convention. Upon the approval of such
19 constitution or constitutional amendments, in the manner provided in the
20 last preceding section, such constitution or constitutional amendment,
21 shall go into effect on the first day of January next after such
22 approval.

23 S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment
24 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
25 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
26 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
27 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.