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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 8 of article 2 of the constitution, in relation to the composition of boards of elections

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 8 of arti-  
2 cle 2 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:  
3 S 8. All laws creating, regulating or affecting boards or officers,  
4 EXCEPT FOR LAWS CREATING, REGULATING OR AFFECTING A STATE BOARD OF  
5 ELECTIONS AND ALL OF SUCH BOARD'S OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, charged with  
6 the duty of qualifying voters, or of distributing ballots to voters, or  
7 of receiving, recording or counting votes at elections, shall secure  
8 equal representation of the two political parties which, at the general  
9 election next preceding that for which such boards or officers are to  
10 serve, cast the highest and the next highest number of votes. All such  
11 boards and officers shall be appointed or elected in such manner, and  
12 upon the nomination of such representatives of said parties respective-  
13 ly, as the legislature may direct. ALL LAWS CREATING, REGULATING OR  
14 AFFECTING A STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ALL OF SUCH BOARD'S OFFICERS  
15 AND EMPLOYEES SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOY-  
16 EES WITH SUITABLE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION ACCORDING  
17 TO A METHOD AS THE LEGISLATURE MAY DIRECT. Existing laws on this subject  
18 shall continue until the legislature shall otherwise provide. This  
19 section shall not apply to town, or village elections.  
20 S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment  
21 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
22 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
23 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
24 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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