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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

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 8 of article 2 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

S 8. All laws creating, regulating or affecting boards or officers charged with the duty of qualifying voters, or of distributing ballots to voters, or of receiving, recording or counting votes at elections, shall secure equal representation of the two political parties which, at the general election next preceding that for which such boards or officers are to serve, cast the highest and the next highest number of votes. All such boards and officers shall be appointed or elected in such manner, and upon the nomination of such representatives of said parties respectively, as the legislature may direct AND SHALL HAVE SUCH OTHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES AS THE LEGISLATURE MAY DIRECT. Existing laws on this subject shall continue until the legislature shall otherwise provide. This section shall not apply to town, or village elections.

S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be 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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