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Introduced by M. of A. HAWLEY, BARCLAY, FINCH, KOLB, RAIA, McDONOUGH --  
Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CORWIN, CROUCH, DUPREY, GIGLIO,  
GOODELL, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 5 of the constitution, relating to the  
filling of vacancies in the offices of comptroller and attorney-general

1     Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 1 of article  
2     5 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:  
3     Section 1. The comptroller and attorney-general shall be chosen at the  
4     same general election as the governor and hold office for the same term,  
5     and shall possess the qualifications provided in section 2 of article  
6     IV. The legislature shall provide for filling vacancies in the office of  
7     comptroller and of attorney-general UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION  
8     HAPPENING NOT LESS THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE OFFICE SHALL HAVE BECOME  
9     VACANT, AT WHICH TIME A COMPTROLLER OR ATTORNEY-GENERAL SHALL BE ELECTED  
10    TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM. [No election of a comptroller or an  
11    attorney-general shall be had except at the time of electing a governor.]  
12    IN CASE THE COMPTROLLER-ELECT OR ATTORNEY-GENERAL-ELECT SHALL  
13    DECLINE TO SERVE OR SHALL DIE, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE FOR FILLING  
14    THE VACANCY UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION. The comptroller shall be  
15    required: (1) to audit all vouchers before payment and all official  
16    accounts; (2) to audit the accrual and collection of all revenues and  
17    receipts; and (3) to prescribe such methods of accounting as are necessary  
18    for the performance of the foregoing duties. The payment of any  
19    money of the state, or of any money under its control, or the refund of  
20    any money paid to the state, except upon audit by the comptroller, shall  
21    be void, and may be restrained upon the suit of any taxpayer with the  
22    consent of the supreme court in appellate division on notice to the  
23    attorney-general. In such respect the legislature shall define the

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

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1 powers and duties and may also assign to him or her: (1) supervision of  
2 the accounts of any political subdivision of the state; and (2) powers  
3 and duties pertaining to or connected with the assessment and taxation  
4 of real estate, including determination of ratios which the assessed  
5 valuation of taxable real property bears to the full valuation thereof,  
6 but not including any of those powers and duties reserved to officers of  
7 a county, city, town or village by virtue of [sections seven and eight  
8 of] article nine of this constitution. The legislature shall assign to  
9 him or her no administrative duties, excepting such as may be incidental  
10 to the performance of these functions, any other provision of this  
11 constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

12 S 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be  
13 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
14 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
15 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
16 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.