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Introduced by  
Representatives Fillmore: Blackman, Grantham, Hoffman, Martinez

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 10 AND 17, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE DESIGNATION OF CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE.

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1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
2 the Senate concurring:

3 1. Article VII, section 10, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to  
4 be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the  
5 Governor:

6 10. Direct primary election law; U.S. Senate;  
7 partisan primary

8 Section 10. A. The Legislature shall enact a direct  
9 primary election law, which shall provide for the nomination  
10 of candidates for ~~att~~ CERTAIN elective State, county, and  
11 city offices, including candidates for ~~United States Senator~~  
12 ~~and for~~ Representative in Congress. FOR CANDIDATES FOR UNITED  
13 STATES SENATOR, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING TO MEET WITH AND  
14 CONSIDER POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, THE MEMBERS OF EACH POLITICAL  
15 PARTY CAUCUS OF THE ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL  
16 SEPARATELY MEET WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUS  
17 OF THAT SAME POLITICAL PARTY FROM THE ARIZONA SENATE AND  
18 DESIGNATE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ASSEMBLED MEMBERS OF EACH  
19 POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUS TWO CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL  
20 PARTY. THOSE TWO CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUS  
21 SHALL APPEAR ON THE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT AS CANDIDATES FOR  
22 UNITED STATES SENATOR.

23 B. Any person who is registered as no party preference  
24 or independent as the party preference or who is registered  
25 with a political party that is not qualified for  
26 representation on the ballot may vote in the primary election  
27 of any one of the political parties that is qualified for the  
28 ballot.

29 2. Article VII, section 17, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to  
30 be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the  
31 Governor:

32 17. Vacancy in Congress

33 Section 17. There shall be a primary and general  
34 election as prescribed by law, which shall provide for  
35 nomination and election of a candidate for ~~United States~~  
36 ~~Senator and for~~ Representative in Congress when a vacancy  
37 occurs through resignation or any other cause. WHEN A  
38 VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR THROUGH  
39 RESIGNATION OR ANY OTHER CAUSE, THERE SHALL BE A PRIMARY AND  
40 GENERAL ELECTION AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW AND THE CANDIDATES FOR  
41 THE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE  
42 LEGISLATURE AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 10 OF THIS ARTICLE.

43 3. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the  
44 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,  
45 Constitution of Arizona.