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Senators Mesnard: Bowie

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, AS AMENDED BY PROPOSITION 100, ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 1992; AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 6 AND 9, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

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

3 1. Article V, section 1, Constitution of Arizona, as amended by
4 proposition 100, election of November 3, 1992, is proposed to be amended
5 as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

6 1. Executive department; state officers; terms;
7 election; residence and office at seat of
8 government; duties

9 Section 1. A. The executive department shall consist
10 of the governor, **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**, secretary of state,
11 **ATTORNEY GENERAL**, state treasurer, ~~attorney general~~, and
12 superintendent of public instruction, each of whom shall hold
13 office for four years beginning on the first Monday of
14 January, 1971 next after the regular general election in 1970.

15 B. The person having the highest number of the votes
16 cast for the office voted for shall be elected, but if two or
17 more persons have an equal and the highest number of votes for
18 the office, the two houses of the legislature at its next
19 regular session shall elect forthwith, by joint ballot, one of
20 such persons for said office.

21 C. NOT LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL
22 ELECTION UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE PRESCRIBES OTHERWISE BY
23 STATUTE, EACH NOMINEE FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR SHALL NAME A
24 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NOMINEE AND SHALL RUN ON A TICKET AS A
25 JOINT CANDIDATE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION WITH THAT NOMINEE FOR
26 THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. THE NAME OF THE NOMINEE
27 FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT WITH OR
28 BELOW THE NAME OF THE JOINT NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR IN A MANNER
29 THAT INDICATES THEY ARE RUNNING ON A TICKET AS JOINT
30 CANDIDATES. AT THE GENERAL ELECTION, A SINGLE VOTE FOR A
31 NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR SHALL CONSTITUTE A VOTE FOR THAT
32 NOMINEE'S TICKET, INCLUDING THE NOMINEE FOR LIEUTENANT
33 GOVERNOR. FOR ANY WINNING CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR AT THE
34 GENERAL ELECTION, THAT WINNING CANDIDATE'S JOINT CANDIDATE FOR
35 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IS THE WINNING CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT
36 GOVERNOR.

37 ~~C.~~ D. The officers of the executive department during
38 their terms of office shall reside at the seat of government
39 where they shall keep their offices and the public records,
40 books, ~~and~~ and papers. They shall perform such duties as are
41 prescribed by the constitution and as may be provided by law.

1 2. Article V, section 6, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be
2 amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
3 Governor:

4 6. Death, resignation, removal or disability of
5 governor or lieutenant governor; succession to
6 office; impeachment, absence from state or
7 temporary disability

8 Section 6. A. In the event of the death of the
9 governor, or ~~his~~ THE GOVERNOR'S resignation, removal from
10 office, ~~or permanent disability to discharge the duties of~~
11 the office, the ~~secretary of state, if holding by election,~~
12 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shall succeed to the office of governor
13 until ~~his~~ A successor shall be elected and shall qualify. ~~if~~

14 B. IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF THE LIEUTENANT
15 GOVERNOR, OR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S RESIGNATION, REMOVAL
16 FROM OFFICE OR PERMANENT DISABILITY TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF
17 THE OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE AS
18 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF
19 THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

20 C. IF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OCCURS WITH
21 OR DURING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, the
22 secretary of state ~~be holding otherwise than by election, or~~
23 ~~shall fail to qualify as governor,~~ the attorney general, the
24 state treasurer, ~~or the superintendent of public~~
25 instruction, ~~if holding by election,~~ shall, in the order
26 named, succeed to the office of governor.

27 D. The taking of the oath of office as governor by any
28 person specified in this section shall constitute resignation
29 from the office by virtue of the holding of which ~~he~~ THE
30 PERSON qualifies as governor. Any successor to the office
31 shall become governor in fact and entitled to all of the
32 emoluments, powers and duties of governor ~~upon~~ ON taking the
33 oath of office.

34 E. In the event of the impeachment of the governor, ~~his~~
35 THE GOVERNOR'S absence from the state, ~~or other temporary~~
36 disability to discharge the duties of the office, the powers
37 and duties of the office of governor shall devolve ~~upon~~ ON the
38 same person as in case of vacancy, but only until the
39 disability ceases.

40 3. Article V, section 9, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be
41 amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
42 Governor:

43 9. Powers and duties of state officers

44 Section 9. The powers and duties of LIEUTENANT
45 GOVERNOR, secretary of state, ATTORNEY GENERAL, state

1 treasurer, ~~attorney general~~, and superintendent of public
2 instruction shall be as prescribed by law.

3 4. Applicability

4 This proposition applies beginning with elections for the term of
5 office that starts in 2027.

6 5. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
7 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
8 Constitution of Arizona.