

REFERENCE TITLE: corporation commissioners; appointment; election; terms

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Introduced by  
Senator Mesnard

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE XV, SECTION 1, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO THE CORPORATION COMMISSION COMPOSITION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

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

6 1. Term limits on corporation commission; composition;  
7 governor appointment; election; office vacancies;  
8 qualifications

9 Section 1. A. No member of the corporation commission  
10 shall hold that office for more than two consecutive terms.  
11 No corporation commissioner may serve again in that office  
12 until out of office for one full term. Any person who serves  
13 ~~one-half~~ ONE-HALF or more of a term shall be considered to  
14 have served one term for purposes of this section.

15 B. A corporation commission is hereby created to be  
16 composed of five persons, ~~who~~ FOUR OF WHOM shall be APPOINTED  
17 BY THE GOVERNOR, WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE EIGHT YEARS,  
18 AND ONE OF WHOM IS elected at the general election, ~~and~~ whose  
19 term of office shall be four years, ~~and~~ who shall maintain  
20 their chief office at the state capital. ~~The two additional~~  
21 ~~commission members shall be elected at the 2002 general~~  
22 ~~election for initial two-year terms beginning on the first~~  
23 ~~Monday in January, 2003.~~ THE ELECTED COMMISSIONER SHALL SERVE  
24 AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION. ON THE EXPIRATION OF  
25 THE TERMS IN JANUARY 2023 OF TWO COMMISSIONERS, TWO  
26 COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS. ON THE  
27 EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS IN JANUARY 2025 OF THREE  
28 COMMISSIONERS, ONE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE ELECTED TO A  
29 FOUR-YEAR TERM AND THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT ONE COMMISSIONER  
30 FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING JANUARY 2029 AND  
31 ONE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING  
32 JANUARY 2033. ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS IN JANUARY 2027  
33 OF TWO COMMISSIONERS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT ONE  
34 COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2027 AND ENDING  
35 JANUARY 2031 AND ONE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY  
36 2027 AND ENDING JANUARY 2035. ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS  
37 IN JANUARY 2029 OF TWO COMMISSIONERS, ONE COMMISSION MEMBER  
38 SHALL BE ELECTED TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM AND ONE COMMISSION MEMBER  
39 SHALL BE APPOINTED TO A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2029 AND ENDING  
40 JANUARY 2037. Thereafter, all APPOINTED terms shall be  
41 ~~four-year~~ EIGHT-YEAR terms AND ALL ELECTED TERMS SHALL BE  
42 FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

1           C. In case of vacancy in the office, the governor shall  
2           appoint a commissioner to fill the vacancy **FOR THE REMAINDER**  
3           **OF THE TERM.** ~~The appointed commissioner shall fill the~~  
4           ~~vacancy until a commissioner shall be elected at a general~~  
5           ~~election as provided by law, and shall qualify.~~ The  
6           qualifications of commissioners may be prescribed by law.

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