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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE VII, SECTION 10, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

7 Section 10. A. The Legislature shall enact a direct
8 primary election law, which shall provide for the nomination
9 of candidates for all elective State, county, and city
10 offices, including candidates for United States Senator and
11 for Representative in Congress, AND WHICH SUPERSEDES ANY
12 CONTRARY OR INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF ANY CHARTER, LAW,
13 ORDINANCE, RULE, RESOLUTION OR POLICY OF ANY CITY.

14 B. THE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION FOR PARTISAN OFFICES
15 SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER SO THAT EACH POLITICAL PARTY
16 THAT HAS QUALIFIED FOR REPRESENTATION ON THE BALLOT MAY
17 NOMINATE FOR EACH OFFICE A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES EQUAL TO THE
18 NUMBER OF POSITIONS TO BE FILLED FOR THAT OFFICE IN THE
19 ENSUING GENERAL ELECTION, AND ALL OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE
20 CANDIDATES WHO ARE SO NOMINATED SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT
21 IN THE NEXT ENSUING GENERAL ELECTION.

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

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