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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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

6 1. Judicial power: courts

7 Section 1. A. The judicial power shall be vested in an
8 integrated judicial department consisting of a supreme court,
9 such intermediate appellate courts as may be provided by law, a
10 superior court, such courts inferior to the superior court as
11 may be provided by law, and justice courts.

12 B. IN MAKING JUDICIAL DECISIONS, THE COURTS PROVIDED FOR
13 IN SUBSECTION A, WHEN EXERCISING THEIR JUDICIAL AUTHORITY, SHALL
14 UPHOLD AND ADHERE TO THE LAW AS PROVIDED IN THE UNITED STATES
15 CONSTITUTION, THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, THE UNITED STATES
16 CODE, FEDERAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES
17 CODE, ESTABLISHED COMMON LAW, THE LAWS OF THIS STATE AND RULES
18 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THIS STATE AND, IF NECESSARY,
19 THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE OF THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED THE LAW
20 OF THE OTHER STATE DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE
21 COURTS SHALL NOT LOOK TO THE LEGAL PRECEPTS OF OTHER NATIONS OR
22 CULTURES. THE COURTS SHALL NOT CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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