ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-second Legislature – First Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Report of Special Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2015
House Hearing Room 4 -- 10:15 a.m. or upon rec. or adj. of Regular Meeting

Convened 11:49 a.m.
Recessed
Reconvened
Adjourned 11:54 a.m.

Members Present
Mrs. Carter
Mr. Clark
Mr. Larkin
Mr. Weninger.
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Ugenti, Chairman

Members Absent

Request to Speak
Report – Attachment 1

Presentations

Name	Organization	Attachments (Handouts)
None		

Committee Action

Bill	Action	Vote	Attachments (Summaries, Amendments, Roll Call)
HCR2024	DP	4-1-0-1	2, 3

Susan Nelson, Chairman Assistant
February 9, 2015

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at http://www.azleg.gov)

Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

House Elections (2/9/2015)

HCR2024, lieutenant governor; joint ticket

Neutral:

Jen Marson, AZ ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Oppose:

Thomas Woodrow, representing self

Attachment 1

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HCR 2024

lieutenant governor; joint ticket
Sponsor: Representative Mesnard

X Committee on Elections

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

HCR 2024 creates the office of Lieutenant Governor beginning in 2023 and sends this proposition to the ballot for voter approval at the 2016 general election.

HISTORY

The Arizona Constitution Article 5, Section 6 designates the Secretary of State (SOS) as the successor of the Governor in event of death, resignation, removal from office or permanent disability. If the SOS fails to qualify as Governor, the Attorney General, State Treasurer or the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in the order named, succeed to the office of Governor.

According to the National Lieutenant Governors Association, 45 states have a lieutenant governor. Of these, 30 states require a joint election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Arizona is one of five states that does not have a position of Lieutenant Governor. Of the other four states, two designate the SOS and two designate the President of the Senate to succeed the Governor.

In 2010, the Legislature referred Proposition 111 to the ballot. Proposition 111 would have constitutionally renamed the SOS as the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor would have run separately from the Governor in the primary election; each winner of their respective primaries from the same political party would then have run jointly on the ticket for Governor. Proposition 111 was not passed by the voters.

PROVISIONS

Lieutenant Governor Appointment; General Election; Ballot

1. Requires each nominee for the office of Governor to name a Lieutenant Governor at least 60 days before the general election.
2. Stipulates that the Lieutenant Governor will run on a ticket as a joint candidate in the general election and will have their name appear on the ballot below the name of the joint nominee for Governor.
3. Asserts that a single vote for a nominee for Governor at the general election will constitute a vote for that nominee's ticket, including the nominee for Lieutenant Governor.
4. States that the winning candidate for Governor at the general election means that winning candidate's nominee for Lieutenant Governor is the winning candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Succession to Office

5. Designates the Lieutenant Governor to succeed the office of Governor instead of the SOS.

6. Requires the Lieutenant Governor, upon succeeding the office of Governor, to appoint a person to serve as Lieutenant Governor upon approval by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature.
7. Designates the SOS to succeed to the office of Governor if both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor die, resign, are removed from office or are permanently disabled from discharging the duties of office within seven days of one another.
8. Directs the Governor to appoint a person to serve as Lieutenant Governor for any other vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, upon approval by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature.

Miscellaneous

9. Becomes effective for the election of the term of office that starts in 2023.
10. Directs the SOS to submit this proposition to the voters at the next general election.
11. Removes conflicting language.
12. Makes technical and conforming changes.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS BILL NO. HCR 2024

DATE February 9, 2015 MOTION: dp

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Carter					✓
Mr. Clark		✓			
Mr. Larkin		✓			
Mr. Weninger		✓			
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mrs. Ugenti, Chairman			✓		
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Susan M. Nelson
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

APPROVED:

MICHELLE R. UGENTI, Chairman
JAVAN D. "JD" MESNARD, Vice-Chairman

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