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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 10 AND 17, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE.

(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; U.S. Senate;
7 partisan primary

8 Section 10. A. The Legislature shall enact a direct
9 primary election law, which shall provide for the nomination
10 of candidates for ~~att~~ CERTAIN elective State, county, and
11 city offices, including candidates for ~~United States Senator~~
12 ~~and for~~ Representative in Congress. FOR CANDIDATES FOR UNITED
13 STATES SENATOR, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING TO MEET WITH AND
14 CONSIDER POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, THE MEMBERS OF EACH POLITICAL
15 PARTY CAUCUS OF THE ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL
16 SEPARATELY MEET WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUS
17 OF THAT SAME POLITICAL PARTY FROM THE ARIZONA SENATE AND
18 DESIGNATE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ASSEMBLED MEMBERS OF EACH
19 POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUS TWO NOMINEES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY.
20 THOSE TWO NOMINEES FOR EACH POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUS SHALL
21 APPEAR ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AS CANDIDATES FOR UNITED
22 STATES SENATOR.

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

29 2. Article VII, section 17, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to
30 be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
31 Governor:

32 17. Vacancy in Congress

33 Section 17. There shall be a primary and general
34 election as prescribed by law, which shall provide for
35 nomination and election of a candidate for ~~United States~~
36 ~~Senator and for~~ Representative in Congress when a vacancy
37 occurs through resignation or any other cause. WHEN A
38 VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR THROUGH
39 RESIGNATION OR ANY OTHER CAUSE, THERE SHALL BE A GENERAL
40 ELECTION AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW AND THE NOMINEES FOR THE GENERAL
41 ELECTION BALLOT SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE LEGISLATURE AS
42 PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 10 OF THIS ARTICLE.

43 3. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
44 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
45 Constitution of Arizona.