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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

1. Term limits on corporation commission; composition; appointment; office vacancies; qualifications

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

B. A corporation commission is hereby created to be composed of five persons who shall ~~be elected at the general election, and whose term of office shall be four years, and who shall~~ maintain their chief office at the state capital. ~~The two additional commission members shall be elected at the 2002 general election for initial two-year terms beginning on the first Monday in January, 2003. Thereafter, all terms shall be four-year terms.~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER, THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.

C. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CORPORATION COMMISSION SHALL BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.
2. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY PARTY LEADER OF THE SENATE.
3. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
4. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY PARTY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
5. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WHO SERVES AT THE WILL OF THE GOVERNOR.

~~C. D. In case of vacancy in the office, the governor shall appoint a commissioner to fill the vacancy. The appointed commissioner shall fill the vacancy until a commissioner shall be elected at a general election as provided by law, and shall qualify. IF A MEMBER OF THE CORPORATION COMMISSION VACATES THE OFFICE, A NEW MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SAME METHOD IN WHICH THE VACATING MEMBER~~

1 WAS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION. THE
2 NEW MEMBER SHALL BELONG TO THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS THE
3 VACATING MEMBER IF THE NEW MEMBER IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
4 SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 4 OF THIS SECTION. THE NEW
5 MEMBER APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL BEGIN THE NEW
6 MEMBER'S FOUR-YEAR TERM ON APPOINTMENT. The qualifications of
7 commissioners may be prescribed by law.
8 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
9 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
10 Constitution of Arizona.