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Senator Gowan

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

6 1. Corporation commission; composition; governor
7 appointment; office vacancies; qualifications

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

14 ~~B.~~ A. A corporation commission is hereby created to be
15 composed of five persons who shall be ~~elected at the general~~
16 ~~election, and~~ APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF
17 THE SENATE, whose term of office shall be ~~four~~ FIVE
18 years, and who shall maintain their chief office at the state
19 capital. ~~The two additional commission members shall be~~
20 ~~elected at the 2002 general election for initial two-year~~
21 ~~terms beginning on the first Monday in January, 2003. ON THE~~
22 ~~EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS IN JANUARY 2023 OF TWO COMMISSION~~
23 ~~MEMBERS, THE GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE SHALL~~
24 ~~APPOINT A COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2023 AND~~
25 ~~ENDING JANUARY 2026 AND A COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING~~
26 ~~JANUARY 2023 AND ENDING JANUARY 2027. ON THE EXPIRATION OF~~
27 ~~THE TERMS IN JANUARY 2025 OF THREE COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE~~
28 ~~GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT ONE~~
29 ~~COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING~~
30 ~~JANUARY 2028, ONE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY~~
31 ~~2025 AND ENDING JANUARY 2029 AND ONE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM~~
32 ~~BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING JANUARY 2030.~~
33 Thereafter, all terms shall be ~~four-year~~ FIVE-YEAR terms.

34 ~~C.~~ B. In case of vacancy in the office, the governor
35 WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE shall appoint a commissioner to
36 fill the vacancy. ~~The appointed commissioner shall fill the~~
37 ~~vacancy until a commissioner shall be elected at a general~~
38 ~~election as provided by law, and shall qualify.~~

39 C. The qualifications of commissioners ~~may~~ SHALL be
40 prescribed by law.

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