A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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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. Corporation commission; composition; governor 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 or more of a term shall be 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 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE, whose term of office shall be four FIVE 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. ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS IN JANUARY 2023 OF TWO COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT A COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2023 AND ENDING JANUARY 2026 AND A COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2023 AND ENDING JANUARY 2027. ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS IN JANUARY 2025 OF THREE COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT ONE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING JANUARY 2028, ONE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING JANUARY 2029 AND ONE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING JANUARY 2030. Thereafter, all terms shall be four-year FIVE-YEAR terms.

   C. In case of vacancy in the office, the governor WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE 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.

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

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