

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to provide for popular election of the Attorney General and Reporter for the State.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

At the November 2020 general election, and every eight years thereafter, an attorney general and reporter for the state shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state. The attorney general and reporter shall hold office for a term of eight years and until a successor is elected and qualified. Until the November 2020 general election, the Judges of the Supreme Court shall retain power to fill any vacancy arising in the office of attorney general and reporter.

The attorney general and reporter shall be at least thirty-five years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States and a citizen of this state for at least five years immediately preceding the election, and shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the house of representatives is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state.