

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17—COMMITTEE ON
ELECTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

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Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to require that Governor and Lieutenant Governor be affiliated with same political party and be elected jointly. (BDR C-1122)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

EXPLANATION – Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the constitution of the State of Nevada to require that the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor be affiliated with the same political party and be elected jointly.

1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
2 JOINTLY, That sections 2 and 4 of article 5 of the constitution of the State of
3 Nevada be amended to read respectively as follows:
4 [Sec:] Sec. 2. The Governor [shall] *and Lieutenant Governor must be*
5 *affiliated with the same political party, if any, and must be elected jointly by*
6 *the casting by each qualified [electors] elector of a single vote applicable to*
7 *both offices at the time and places of voting for members of the Legislature .*
8 *[, and] The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall hold [his] office for*
9 *[Four Years] four years from the time of [his] their installation, and until*
10 *[his successor shall be] their successors are qualified.*
11 [Section] Sec. 4. The returns of every election for United States senator
12 and member of Congress, district and state officers, and for and against any
13 questions submitted to the electors of the State of Nevada, voted for at the
14 general election, shall be sealed up and transmitted to the seat of
15 government, directed to the secretary of state, and the chief justice of the
16 supreme court, and the associate justices, or a majority thereof, shall meet at
17 the office of the secretary of state, on a day to be fixed by law, and open
18 and canvass the election returns for United States senator and member of
19 Congress, district and state officers, and for and against any questions
20 submitted to the electors of the State of Nevada, and forthwith declare the
21 result and publish the names of the persons elected and the results of the
22 vote cast upon any question submitted to the electors of the State of Nevada.

1 The persons *or, in the case of the offices of governor and lieutenant*
2 *governor, the team of persons* having the highest number of votes for the
3 respective offices shall be declared elected, but in case any two or more
4 *persons or teams* have an equal and the highest number of votes for the same
5 office, the legislature shall, by joint vote of both houses, elect one of [said
6 persons to fill said office.] *the persons or teams to fill the office or offices.*

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