Amendment No. 581

Senate Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 (BDR C-486)									
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections									
Amends:	Summary: No	Title: No	Preamble: No	Joint Sponsorship: No	Digest: Yes				

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of <u>green bold underlining</u> is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) <u>red-strikethrough</u> is deleted language in the original bill; (4) <u>purple double strikethrough</u> is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) <u>orange double underlining</u> is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

HAC/BJE Date: 4/19/2015

S.J.R. No. 3—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for the Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly with the Governor. (BDR C-486)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)

Prefiled December 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for the Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly with the Governor. (BDR C-486)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend Section 17 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution to provide for the Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly with the Governor.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This resolution proposes to amend Section 17 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution to provide for the Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly with the Governor in the manner provided by law so that each qualified elector who votes will cast a single vote for a candidate for Governor and a candidate for Lieutenant Governor running together. This resolution requires a candidate for Governor to designate the candidate for Lieutenant Governor who would be elected with that candidate for Governor not later than the first Tuesday after the primary election or, if there is no primary election held for the Office of Governor, not later than 7 days after the deadline for filing candidacy papers. Additionally, this resolution prohibits a person from accepting contributions to a campaign for election to the Office of Lieutenant Governor unless the person has been designated as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. This resolution also provides that, for the purposes of the limitations on campaign contributions in Section 10 of Article 2 of the Nevada Constitution, the Office of Governor and the Office of Lieutenant Governor are one office, and a contribution to a candidate for either office constitutes a contribution to his or her running mate. The final provision of the resolution requires the Legislature to provide by law for a candidate for Governor and a candidate for Lieutenant Governor running together to report jointly the contributions made to and expenditures made by each candidate.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 17 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

[See:] Sec. 17. 1. A Lieutenant Governor shall be elected [at the same time and places and in the same manner as] jointly with the Governor

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1 [and his] by each qualified elector who votes casting a single vote for a 23456789 candidate for Governor and a candidate for Lieutenant Governor running together, as provided by law. 2. A candidate for Governor shall, in the manner provided by law, designate the candidate for Lieutenant Governor who would be elected jointly with that candidate for Governor:

(a) If there is a primary election held for the Office of Governor, not later than the first Tuesday after the primary election; or (b) If there is not a primary election held for the Office of Governor, 10 not later than 7 days after the deadline provided by law for filing 11 candidacy papers for the Office of Governor. 12 3. No person may accept a contribution to a campaign for election 13 to the Office of Lieutenant Governor unless the person has been 14 designated as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor pursuant to 15 subsection 2. 16 4. For the purposes of Section 10 of Article 2 of this Constitution: 17 (a) The Office of Governor and the Office of Lieutenant Governor 18 are one office; 19 (b) A contribution to a candidate for Governor also constitutes a 20 contribution to the candidate for Lieutenant Governor designated by that 21 candidate for Governor pursuant to subsection 2, regardless of whether 22 the candidate for Governor has yet designated a candidate for Lieutenant 23 24 Governor pursuant to subsection 2; and (c) A contribution to a candidate for Lieutenant Governor also 25 constitutes a contribution to the candidate for Governor who designated 26 that candidate for Lieutenant Governor pursuant to subsection 2. 27 5. The Legislature shall provide by law for a candidate for Governor 28 and a candidate for Lieutenant Governor running together to report 29 jointly the contributions made to and expenditures made by each 30 candidate. 31 6. The term of Office [and [his] eligibility [of the Lieutenant 32 Governor shall [also] be the same [. He] as for the Governor. 33 7. The Lieutenant Governor shall be President of the Senate, but 34 shall only have a casting vote therein. 35 8. If during a Vacancy of the office of Governor, the Lieutenant 36 Governor shall be impeached, displaced, resign, die, or become incapable 37 of performing the duties of the office, or be absent from the State, the 38 President pro-tempore of the Senate shall act as Governor until the vacancy

be filled or the disability cease.

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