

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:

~~[Sec:]~~ *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 ~~[and his]~~ by each qualified elector who votes casting a single vote for a 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, not later than 7 days after the deadline provided by law for filing candidacy papers for the Office of Governor.

3. No person may accept a contribution to a campaign for election to the Office of Lieutenant Governor unless the person has been designated as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor pursuant to subsection 2.

4. For the purposes of Section 10 of Article 2 of this Constitution:

(a) The Office of Governor and the Office of Lieutenant Governor are one office;

(b) A contribution to a candidate for Governor also constitutes a contribution to the candidate for Lieutenant Governor designated by that candidate for Governor pursuant to subsection 2, regardless of whether the candidate for Governor has yet designated a candidate for Lieutenant Governor pursuant to subsection 2; and

(c) A contribution to a candidate for Lieutenant Governor also constitutes a contribution to the candidate for Governor who designated that candidate for Lieutenant Governor pursuant to subsection 2.

5. The Legislature shall 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.



1 **6. The** term of Office ~~[.]~~ and ~~his~~ eligibility ~~[.]~~ **of the**
2 **Lieutenant Governor** shall ~~also~~ be the same ~~[. He]~~ **as for**
3 **the Governor.**

4 **7. The Lieutenant Governor** shall be President of the
5 Senate, but shall only have a casting vote therein.

6 **8.** If during a Vacancy of the office of Governor, the
7 Lieutenant Governor shall be impeached, displaced, resign,
8 die, or become incapable of performing the duties of the
9 office, or be absent from the State, the President pro-tempore
10 of the Senate shall act as Governor until the vacancy be filled
11 or the disability cease.

