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Subject: Biennial elections

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That Sections 43, 47, 48 and 49 of the Vermont Constitution be amended to read:

[§ 43. Biennial elections]

SECTION 43. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, Senators, Town Representatives, Assistant Judges of the County Court, Sheriffs, State's Attorneys, Judges of Probate and Justices of the Peace, shall be elected quadrennially on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, beginning in A.D. 1988.

[§ 47. Election of governor, lieutenant governor and treasurer]

SECTION 47. The freemen of each town shall, on the day of election for choosing Representatives to attend the General Assembly, there shall be a committee appointed out of the Senate and House of Representatives, who, after being duly sworn to the faithful discharge of their trust, shall proceed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Governor, and declare the person who has the major part of the votes, to be Governor for the four years ensuing. The lieutenant Governor and the Treasurer shall be chosen in the manner above directed.

The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Treasurer, of the State, shall be sorted and counted, and the result declared, by a committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives.

If, at any time, there shall be no election, by the freemen, of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Treasurer, of the State, the

Senate and House of Representatives shall by a joint ballot, elect to fill the office, not filled by the freemen as aforesaid, one of the three candidates for such office (if there be so many) for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been returned.

[§ 48. Election of secretary of state and auditor of accounts]

SECTION 48. The Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General shall be elected by the freemen of the State upon the same ticket with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer; and the Legislature shall carry this provision into effect by appropriate legislation.

[§ 49. Term of governor, lieutenant governor and treasurer]

SECTION 49. The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the State, respectively, shall commence when they shall be chosen and qualified, and shall continue for the term of four years, or until their successors shall be chosen and qualified, or to the adjournment of the session of the Legislature at which, by the Constitution and laws, their successors are required to be chosen, and not after such adjournment.