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Subject: Election of constitutional officers

PROPOSAL 8

Sec. 1. Section 47 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

[§47. ELECTION OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR AND TREASURER]

[The freemen of each town shall, on the day of election for choosing Representatives to attend the General Assembly, bring in their votes for Governor, with his name fairly written, to the Constable, who shall seal them up, and write on them, Votes for Governor, and deliver them to the Representatives chosen to attend the General Assembly; and at the opening of 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 two 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.]

The Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Treasurer shall be elected by the freemen of the State. The person who receives the greatest number of votes for the office of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Treasurer, respectively, shall be declared elected. The Legislature shall carry this provision into effect by appropriate legislation.

Sec. 2. Section 48 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

[§48. ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE AND AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS]

The Secretary of State and the Auditor of Accounts shall be elected by the freemen of the State *[upon the same ticket with the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Treasurer; and the]*. The person who receives the greatest number of votes for the office of Secretary of State and Auditor of Accounts, respectively, shall be declared elected. The Legislature shall carry this provision into effect by appropriate legislation.