

1999: Proposal 7

Subject: Amending the Constitution; Time Lock

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Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Vermont Constitution to permit proposals of amendment to the Constitution to be initiated during the first year of any biennial session of the General Assembly, and to require passage in the Senate in the first biennium by a majority vote.

Sec. 2. Section 72 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§72. [AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION]

At the During the first year of any biennial session of the General Assembly of this State which convenes in A.D. 1975, and at the biennial session convening every fourth year thereafter, the Senate by a majority vote of two-thirds of its members, may propose amendments to this Constitution, with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Hous4er of Representatives with the amendment as proposed by the Senate. A proposed amendment so adopted by the Senate and concurred in by the House of Representatives shall be referred to the next biennial session of the General Assembly; and if at that last session a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of the House of Representatives concur in the proposed amendment, it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to submit the proposal directly to the voters of the state State in accordance with this section which if approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon shall become part of the Constitution of this State.

Prior to the submission of a proposed amendment to a vote in accordance with this section, public notice of the proposed amendment shall be given by proclamation of the Governor.

The General Assembly shall provide for the manner of voting on amendments proposed under this section, and shall enact legislation to carry the provisions of this section into effect.