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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 24, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, PROSECUTORS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SO AS TO CHANGE THE WORD “SOLICITOR” TO “DISTRICT ATTORNEY”.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 24, Article V of the Constitution of this State, relating to law enforcement officials, prosecutors, administrative officers, and the attorney general, be amended to read:

“There ~~shall~~must be elected in each county by the electors ~~thereof~~of the county a clerk of the circuit court, a sheriff, and a coroner; and in each judicial circuit a ~~solicitor~~ district attorney ~~shall~~must be elected by the electors ~~thereof~~of the judicial circuit. All of these officers shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. The General Assembly shall provide by law for their duties and compensation.

The General Assembly also may provide by law for the age and qualifications of sheriffs and coroners, and the selection, duties, and compensation of other appropriate officials to enforce the criminal laws of the State, to prosecute persons under these laws, and to carry on the administrative functions of the courts of the State.

The Attorney General ~~shall~~must be the chief prosecuting officer of the State with authority to supervise the prosecution of all criminal cases in courts of record.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 24, Article V of the Constitution of this State be amended so as to change the word ‘solicitor’ to ‘district attorney’?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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