**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE IV, RELATING TO THE ELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS AND TERM OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE JOINT ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 8, Article IV of the Constitution of this State be amended to read:

“Section 8. (A) A Lieutenant Governor ~~shall~~ must be chosen at the same time, ~~in the same manner,~~ continue in office for the same period, and be possessed of the same qualifications as the Governor.

(B) Beginning with the General Election of 2006, a person seeking the office of Governor in any manner that a person’s name may appear on the ballot as a candidate for that office, before taking the first step required by law for his name to appear on the ballot, shall select a qualified person to serve as Lieutenant Governor.

(C) In any nominating process and in the general election, all candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor must be nominated or elected jointly in a manner prescribed by law so that each voter casts a single vote to nominate or elect a candidate for the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

(D) The General Assembly shall provide by law the manner in which a candidate for Lieutenant Governor is selected.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment in Section 3 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 8, Article IV of the Constitution of the State be amended by adding a provision to provide that the Lieutenant Governor must be elected jointly with the Governor in a manner prescribed by law so that each voter shall cast a single vote for a candidate for Governor and a candidate for Lieutenant Governor running together?

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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