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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 282

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections
on January 31, 1995)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Marye)

Proposing amendments to Sections 1, 13, and 15 of Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General; terms of office; and term limits.

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendments to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby are, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend Sections 1, 13, and 15 of Article V of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE Section 1. Executive power; Governor's term of office.

The chief executive power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a Governor. He shall hold office for a term commencing upon his inauguration on the Saturday after the second Wednesday in January, next succeeding his election, and ending in the fourth year thereafter immediately upon the inauguration of his successor. He shall be ineligible to the same office for the term next succeeding that for which he was elected, and to any other office during his term of service.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the Governor shall be eligible to serve successive terms in office, but no person shall be eligible to be elected to the office of Governor more than twice. A person who serves as Governor or Acting Governor for a partial term of more than two years shall be eligible to be elected only once to the office of Governor. This paragraph shall apply to terms of office beginning in the year two thousand and two and thereafter. Section 13. Lieutenant Governor; election and qualifications.

A Lieutenant Governor shall be elected at the same time and for the same term as the Governor, and his qualifications and the manner and ascertainment of his election, in all respects, shall be the same; ~~except that there shall be no limit on the terms of the Lieutenant Governor.~~ *The Lieutenant Governor shall be eligible to serve successive terms in office.*

No person shall be eligible to be elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor more than twice. A person who serves as Lieutenant Governor or Acting Lieutenant Governor for a partial term of more than two years shall be eligible to be elected only once to the office of Lieutenant Governor. This paragraph shall apply to terms of office beginning in the year two thousand and two and thereafter. Section 15. Attorney General.

An Attorney General shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Commonwealth at the same time and for the same term as the Governor; and the fact of his election shall be ascertained in the same manner. No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the office of Attorney General unless he is a citizen of the United States, has attained the age of thirty years, and has the qualifications required for a judge of a court of record. He shall perform such duties and receive such compensation as may be prescribed by law, which compensation shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected. ~~There shall be no limit on the terms of the Attorney General.~~ *The Attorney General shall be eligible to serve successive terms in office.*

No person shall be eligible to be elected to the office of Attorney General more than twice. A person who serves as Attorney General or Acting Attorney General for a partial term of more than two years shall be eligible to be elected only once to the office of Attorney General. This paragraph shall apply to terms of office beginning in the year two thousand and two and thereafter.