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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 585

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Proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; elected jointly.

Patron—Keam

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, 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 Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE V
EXECUTIVE

Section 2. Election of Governor *and Lieutenant Governor*.

The Governor *and Lieutenant Governor* shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Commonwealth at the time and place of choosing members of the General Assembly. *The names of the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall appear jointly on the ballot at the general election, and the voters shall cast a single vote applicable to both offices.*

Returns of the election shall be transmitted, under seal, by the proper officers, to the State Board of Elections, or such other officer or agency as may be designated by law, which shall cause the returns to be opened and the votes to be counted in the manner prescribed by law. The ~~person~~ *persons* having the highest number of votes *cast jointly for them* shall be declared elected; but if two or more *pairs of candidates* shall have the highest and an equal number of votes, one of them shall be chosen Governor *and Lieutenant Governor* by a majority of the total membership of the General Assembly. Contested elections for Governor *and Lieutenant Governor* shall be decided by a like vote. The mode of proceeding in such cases shall be prescribed by law.

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