

SENATE CHAMBER
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

Offered by Senator White of Windham District

Subject: Elections; statewide officers; general assembly

PROPOSAL 6

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Constitution of the state of Vermont to allow the General Assembly to establish requirements for the election of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, and Auditor of Accounts.

Sec. 2. Section 47 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§ 47. [ELECTION OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR AND TREASURER]

The voters of each town shall, on the day of election for choosing Representatives to attend the General Assembly, ~~bring in cast~~ cast their votes for Governor, ~~with the name fairly written, to the Constable, who shall seal them up, and write on them, Votes for Governor, and deliver them to the~~ Representatives chosen to attend the General Assembly; and at the opening of the General Assembly, ~~there shall be a committee appointed out of the Senate~~

~~and House of Representatives, who, after being duly sworn to the faithful discharge of their trust, shall proceed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Governor, and declare the person who has the major part of the votes, to be Governor for the two years ensuing and the Legislature shall carry this provision into effect by appropriate legislation.~~ The Lieutenant-Governor and the Treasurer shall be chosen in the manner above directed.

~~The votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Treasurer, of the State, shall be sorted and counted, and the result declared, by a committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives.~~

~~If, at any time, there shall be no election, of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Treasurer, of the State, the Senate and House of Representatives shall by a joint ballot, elect to fill the office, not filled as aforesaid, one of the three candidates for such office (if there be so many) for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been returned.~~

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

Once ratified and adopted by the people of this state in accordance with the provisions of chapter 32 of Title 17, the provisions of this amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the state of Vermont as of the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of November 2012.