

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred a
3 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont entitled
4 “Proposal 1” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the proposal be amended by striking out the proposal in its
6 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 PROPOSAL 1

8 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

9 This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to
10 allow the General Assembly to establish by law qualifications for individuals
11 to be elected to and hold certain county offices and to be removed from office
12 for failure to meet or to maintain those qualifications.

13 Sec. 2. Section 50 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to
14 read:

15 § 50. ELECTION OF ASSISTANT JUDGES, SHERIFFS, AND STATE’S

16 ATTORNEYS

17 The Assistant Judges shall be elected by the voters of their respective
18 districts as established by law. Their judicial functions shall be established by
19 law. Their term of office shall be four years and shall commence on the first
20 day of February next after their election. The General Assembly may establish
21 by law qualifications for the election to and holding of such office and

1 procedures for removal from such office for failure to meet or to maintain the
2 required qualifications.

3 Sheriffs shall be elected by the voters of their respective districts as
4 established by law. Their term of office shall be four years and shall
5 commence on the first day of February next after their election. The General
6 Assembly may establish by law qualifications for the election to and holding of
7 such office and procedures for removal from such office for failure to meet or
8 to maintain the required qualifications.

9 State’s Attorneys shall be elected by the voters of their respective districts
10 as established by law. Their term of office shall be four years and shall
11 commence on the first day of February next after their election. The General
12 Assembly may establish by law qualifications for the election to and holding of
13 such office and procedures for removal from such office for failure to meet or
14 to maintain the required qualifications.

15 Sec. 3. Section 51 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to
16 read:

17 § 51. ELECTION OF JUDGES OF PROBATE

18 Judges of Probate shall be elected by the voters of their respective districts
19 as established by law. The General Assembly may establish by law
20 qualifications for the election to and holding of such office and procedures for
21 removal from such office for failure to meet or to maintain the required

1 qualifications. Their term of office shall be four years and shall commence on
2 the first day of February next after their election.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 The amendments set forth in Secs. 2 and 3 shall become a part of the
5 Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first
6 Monday of November 2026 when ratified and adopted by the people of this
7 State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

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15 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE