

SENATE CHAMBER

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

Offered by: Senators Westman and Starr

Subject: Elections; Senators; four-year term of office

PROPOSAL 6

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

(a) This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to provide Senators with a four-year term of office, beginning in the year 2024.

(b) This proposal would also amend Chapter II, Section 43 of the Vermont Constitution to clarify that Assistant Judges, Sheriffs, States Attorneys, and Judges of Probate—who already have a four-year term of office—are elected every four years.

Sec. 2. Section 43 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§ 43. [~~BIENNIAL~~ ELECTIONS]

The Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, ~~Senators, Town~~ Representatives, ~~Assistant Judges of the County Court, Sheriffs,~~ High Bailiffs, ~~State's Attorneys,~~ Judges of Probate and Justices

of the Peace, shall be elected biennially on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, beginning in A.D. 1914.

Senators shall be elected every four years on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, beginning in A.D. 2024.

Assistant Judges, Sheriffs, State's Attorneys, and Judges of Probate shall be elected every four years on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, beginning in A.D. 2022.

Sec. 3. Section 44 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§ 44. [ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS]

~~Senators and~~ Representatives shall be elected to office at a general election to be held biennially on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, A.D. 1974, and Senators shall be elected to office at a general election to be held every four years on the first Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, A.D. 2024.

Sec. 4. Section 46 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§ 46. [TERMS OF SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES]

The term of office of Senators shall be four years and the term of office of Representatives shall be two years, commencing on the first Wednesday next after the first Monday of January following their election.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendments set forth in this proposal shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.