

By Senator Lee

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article IV and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to require the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the Secretary of State, to specify the secretary's duties, and to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to cast tiebreaking votes on any measure on which the Senate is equally divided.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 2 of Article IV and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2. Lieutenant governor.—There shall be a lieutenant governor, who shall:

(a) Serve as the secretary of state and keep the records of the official acts of the legislative and executive departments.

(b) Have authority to cast the tiebreaking vote on final passage of any measure on which the senate is equally divided.

(c) Perform such duties pertaining to the office of governor as shall be assigned by the governor, except when otherwise provided by law, and such other duties as may be

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30 prescribed by law.

31 ARTICLE XII

32 SCHEDULE

33 Duties of the lieutenant governor.—The amendment to Section
34 2 of Article IV, relating to the duties of the lieutenant
35 governor, and the creation of this section shall take effect
36 January 8, 2019. Upon the effective date of this amendment, the
37 term "secretary of state" shall be substituted for the term
38 "custodian of state records" throughout the constitution, except
39 for Article XII.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
41 placed on the ballot:

42 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

43 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2

44 ARTICLE XII

45 DUTIES OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—Proposing an amendment
46 to the State Constitution requiring the Lieutenant Governor to
47 serve as the Secretary of State and specifying that the
48 Secretary of State shall keep the records of the official acts
49 of the legislative and executive departments of state
50 government. This amendment also authorizes the Lieutenant
51 Governor to cast a tiebreaking vote on final passage of any
52 measure on which the Senate is equally divided.