

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 44CA

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Committee: Executive Board

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF
2 NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2012 the
4 following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be
5 submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or
6 rejection:

7 To amend Article III, sections 6 and 10:

8 III-6 The Legislature shall consist of not more than
9 fifty members and not less than thirty members. ~~The sessions of the~~
10 ~~Legislature shall be annual except as otherwise provided by this~~
11 ~~constitution or as may be otherwise provided by law.~~

12 III-10 ~~Beginning with the year 1975, regular~~ Regular
13 sessions of the Legislature shall be held ~~annually, in odd-numbered~~
14 years commencing at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday ~~after the first~~
15 Monday in January of each year. February. ~~The terms of the members of~~
16 the Legislature shall commence on the first day of the regular
17 session and, notwithstanding the provisions of Article III, section
18 7, of this Constitution, the preceding terms shall terminate on such

1 date. The duration of regular sessions held shall not exceed ninety
2 legislative days ~~in odd-numbered years~~ unless extended by a vote of
3 four-fifths of all members ~~elected to~~ of the Legislature., ~~and shall~~
4 ~~not exceed sixty legislative days in even-numbered years unless~~
5 ~~extended by a vote of four-fifths of all members elected to the~~
6 ~~Legislature. Bills and resolutions under consideration by the~~
7 ~~Legislature upon adjournment of a regular session held in an odd-~~
8 ~~numbered year may be considered at the next regular session, as if~~
9 ~~there had been no such adjournment.~~ The Lieutenant Governor shall
10 preside, but shall vote only when the Legislature is equally divided.
11 A majority of the members ~~elected to~~ of the Legislature shall
12 constitute a quorum. The ~~the~~ Legislature shall determine the rules
13 of its proceedings, ~~and~~ be the judge of the election, returns, and
14 qualifications of its members, ~~shall~~ and choose its own officers,
15 including a Speaker to preside when the Lieutenant Governor ~~shall be~~
16 is absent, incapacitated, or ~~shall act~~ acting as Governor. No member
17 shall be expelled except by a vote of two-thirds of all members
18 ~~elected to~~ of the Legislature, and no member shall be twice expelled
19 for the same offense. The Legislature may punish by imprisonment any
20 person not a member thereof who ~~shall be~~ is guilty of disrespect to
21 the Legislature by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its
22 presence, but no such imprisonment shall extend beyond twenty-four
23 hours at one time, unless the person ~~shall persist~~ persists in such
24 disorderly or contemptuous behavior.

25 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the

1 electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska,
2 Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

3 A constitutional amendment to provide for regular
4 sessions of the Legislature only in odd-numbered years, to change the
5 date on which regular sessions will commence, to change the date on
6 which the terms of members will commence, and to change the date on
7 which the terms of certain members will terminate.

8 For

9 Against.