

1-1 By: Huffman S.J.R. No. 66
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 15, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2; April 15, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 66 By: Huffman

1-19 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-20 proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for the governor's
 1-21 and lieutenant governor's terms of office to begin at 10 a.m. on the
 1-22 day preceding the day the regular legislative session convenes.

1-23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 4, Article IV, Texas Constitution, is
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 4. The Governor elected at the general election in 2018
 1-27 [~~1974~~], and thereafter, shall be installed at 10 a.m. on the day
 1-28 preceding the day set by law for the convening of the regular
 1-29 session of the legislature [~~first Tuesday after the organization of~~
 1-30 ~~the Legislature, or as soon thereafter as practicable,~~] and shall
 1-31 hold [~~his~~] office for the term of four years, or until a [~~his~~]
 1-32 successor shall be duly installed. The Governor [~~He~~] shall be at
 1-33 least thirty years of age, a citizen of the United States, and shall
 1-34 have resided in this State at least five years immediately
 1-35 preceding the [~~his~~] election.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 16(a), Article IV, Texas Constitution,
 1-37 is amended to read as follows:

1-38 (a) There shall also be a Lieutenant Governor, who shall be
 1-39 chosen at every election for Governor by the same voters, in the
 1-40 same manner, [~~continue in office for the same time,~~] and possess the
 1-41 same qualifications. The voters shall distinguish for whom they
 1-42 vote as Governor and for whom as Lieutenant Governor. The
 1-43 Lieutenant Governor shall hold office for a term of four years. The
 1-44 Lieutenant Governor shall take office following the election, at 10
 1-45 a.m. on the day preceding the day set by law for the convening of the
 1-46 regular session of the legislature, and shall serve thereafter for
 1-47 the full term of years to which elected.

1-48 SECTION 3. The following temporary provision is added to
 1-49 the Texas Constitution:

1-50 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
 1-51 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 84th Legislature,
 1-52 Regular Session, 2015, providing for the governor's and lieutenant
 1-53 governor's terms of office to begin the day preceding the day the
 1-54 regular legislative session convenes.

1-55 (b) The amendments to Sections 4 and 16(a), Article IV, of
 1-56 this constitution apply to a person elected to the office of
 1-57 governor or lieutenant governor for a term beginning on or after
 1-58 January 1, 2019.

1-59 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2020.

1-60 SECTION 4. (a) This proposed constitutional amendment

2-1 shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November
2-2 3, 2015, only if the secretary of state certifies that an enactment
2-3 of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session:

2-4 (1) provides for the canvass of election returns for
2-5 the offices of governor and lieutenant governor by the attorney
2-6 general; and

2-7 (2) was not vetoed by the governor and becomes law
2-8 contingent on adoption of this constitutional amendment by the
2-9 voters.

2-10 (b) If the secretary of state does not make a certification
2-11 under Subsection (a), this resolution has no effect.

2-12 (c) If the election on this amendment is held, the ballot
2-13 shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition:
2-14 "The constitutional amendment to provide for the governor's and
2-15 lieutenant governor's terms of office to begin at 10 a.m. on the day
2-16 preceding the day the regular legislative session convenes."

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