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ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
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The following measures will be considered for action by the Assembly Committee on Constitutional Amendments during a work session on Friday, May 9, 2003:

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF THE 17TH SPECIAL SESSION
Proposes to amend *Nevada Constitution* to revise certain provisions relating to system of county and township government and compensation of certain elected officers. (BDR C-27)

Sponsored by: Joint Rules

Discussion

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1 of the 17th Special Session was heard by the Committee on March 21, 2003, and further discussed during a work session on May 2, 2003. The measure proposes to amend the *Nevada Constitution* to revise certain provisions relating to the system of county and township government and compensation of certain elected officers.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Proposes to amend *Nevada Constitution* to require each board of county commissioners to determine salaries of certain county officers in its respective county. (BDR C-1301)

Sponsored by: Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

Discussion

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 9 was heard by the Committee on April 18, 2003, and further discussed during a work session on May 2, 2003. The measure proposes to amend the *Nevada Constitution* to require each board of county commissioners to determine the salaries of certain county officers in its respective county.

Proposed Amendments to AJR 1** Discussed at Work Session on May 2, 2003

1. In Sections 33A (pages 1 through 3) and 33 (page 4) of Article 4 and Section 15 of Article 6 (page 4), remove the provisions relating to the citizens' commission on salaries and substitute language requiring the Legislature to provide by law for the Legislative Counsel Bureau to study and recommend to the Legislative Commission the salaries for state elected officers. The Legislative Commission would then be required to recommend the salaries to the Legislature, and the Legislature would be required to fix by law the salaries at each regular session in an odd-numbered year.
2. Page 3, Lines 32 and 33—Keep language regarding uniform system and clarify that “uniform” applies to elections but not compensation.
3. Amend Section 26 (page 3, at lines 37 through 39) and Section 32 (page 4, at lines 3 through 5) to remove the provisions requiring the board of county commissioners to fix the salaries of county officers. Substitute language requiring the Legislature, at each regular session in an odd-numbered year, to fix the salaries of county officers.
4. Page 4, Lines 1 and 2—Delete language regarding the appointment of county officers.
5. Do not repeal Article 15, Section 9 of the *Constitution of the State of Nevada*.
6. Amend Article 4, Section 26 to add language clarifying that the Legislature has authority to set compensation for county commissioners.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Proposes to amend *Nevada Constitution* to provide for limited annual legislative sessions. (BDR C-43)

Sponsored by: Assemblywoman Giunchigliani, et al.

Discussion

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 7 was heard by the Committee on April 4, 2003, and discussed during a work session on April 25, 2003. The measure proposes to amend the *Nevada Constitution* to provide for limited annual legislative sessions.

Proposed Amendments

1. See draft Committee amendment prepared by the Legal Division.
2. Do not limit the scope of the annual session (see proposed amendment from Assemblywoman Giunchigliani under Tab A).

Amendment to AJR 11
Assemblywoman Chris Giunchigliani

Amend Section 7, Subsection 2 to provide that the Board of Regents consists of nine members, 6 appointed by the Governor and 3 elected by the people, with the 3 elected positions being from each of the congressional districts

Amend Section 7, Subsection 2 by deleting (a)-(g)

Add language to Section 7, Subsection 2 to provide that the 4-year terms apply to the elected members (1 elected to initial 2-year term to set up rotation)

Add language to Section 7, Subsection 7 to allow the legislature to provide for the qualifications of the appointed members of the Board of Regents