

CACR 8 - AS INTRODUCED

2017 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **8**

RELATING TO: eliminating registers of probate.

PROVIDING THAT: part II, article 71 be amended to eliminate registers of probate.

SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Rep. Sytek, Rock. 8; Rep. Wall, Straf. 6; Rep. Keans, Straf. 23

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that registers of probate be eliminated.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen*

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: eliminating registers of probate.

PROVIDING THAT: part II, article 71 be amended to eliminate registers of probate.

*Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:*

1 I. That article 71 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, ~~[Registers of Probate,]~~ County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers  
3 of Deeds Elected.] The County Treasurers, ~~[registers of probate,]~~ County Attorneys, Sheriffs and  
4 Registers of Deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties  
5 in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the State, Provided  
6 nevertheless the Legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and  
7 the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of  
8 electing them.

9 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified  
10 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2018.

11 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to  
12 insert in their warrants for the said 2018 election an article to the following effect: To decide  
13 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2017 session of the general court shall  
14 be approved.

15 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

16 "Are you in favor of amending article 18 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

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19 inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now  
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21 alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to  
22 deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them."

23 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot  
24 or on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall  
25 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made  
26 in either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot  
27 shall be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to  
28 Constitutional Amendments proposed by the 2017 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at

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1 the top of the ballot.

2 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment,

3 it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.