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Senate Joint Resolution No. ____

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to
Section 4 of Article IV of the State
Constitution to designate the Attorney General
as the statewide prosecutor.

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

That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article IV
of the State Constitution is 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 4. Cabinet.--

(a) There shall be a cabinet composed of a secretary
of state, an attorney general, a comptroller, a treasurer, a
commissioner of agriculture and a commissioner of education.
In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, they
shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be
prescribed by law.

(b) The secretary of state shall keep the records of
the official acts of the legislative and executive
departments.

(c) The attorney general shall be the chief state
legal officer. ~~There is created in the office of~~ The attorney
general shall serve as the position of statewide prosecutor.
The statewide prosecutor shall have concurrent jurisdiction
with the state attorneys to prosecute violations of criminal
laws occurring or having occurred, in two or more judicial

1 circuits as part of a related transaction, or when any such
2 offense is affecting or has affected two or more judicial
3 circuits as provided by general law. ~~The statewide prosecutor~~
4 ~~shall be appointed by the attorney general from not less than~~
5 ~~three persons nominated by the judicial nominating commission~~
6 ~~for the supreme court, or as otherwise provided by general~~
7 ~~law.~~

8 (d) The comptroller shall serve as the chief fiscal
9 officer of the state, and shall settle and approve accounts
10 against the state.

11 (e) The treasurer shall keep all state funds and
12 securities. He shall disburse state funds only upon the order
13 of the comptroller. Such order may be in any form and may
14 require the disbursement of state funds by electronic means or
15 by means of a magnetic tape or any other transfer medium.

16 (f) The commissioner of agriculture shall have
17 supervision of matters pertaining to agriculture except as
18 otherwise provided by law.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
20 placed on the ballot:

21 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

22 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4

23 STATEWIDE PROSECUTOR.--Proposing an amendment to the
24 State Constitution to designate the Attorney General to serve
25 as the statewide prosecutor, rather than appointing a person
26 to serve in that office.

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