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CRC ACTION

Commissioner .
Comm: FAV .
04/05/2018 .
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The Committee on Style and Drafting (Jordan) recommended the following:

CRC Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the proposal clause
and insert:

Section 5 of Article VI of the State Constitution is
amended to read:

ARTICLE VI

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 5. Primary, general, and special elections.-



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10 (a) A general election shall be held in each county on the
11 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-
12 numbered year to choose a successor to each elective state and
13 county officer whose term will expire before the next general
14 election and, except as provided herein, to fill each vacancy in
15 elective office for the unexpired portion of the term. A general
16 election may be suspended or delayed due to a state of emergency
17 or impending emergency pursuant to general law. Special
18 elections and referenda shall be held as provided by law.

19 (b) If all candidates for an office have the same party
20 affiliation and the winner will have either no opposition in the
21 general election, or opposition only from one or more write-in
22 candidates, then all qualified electors, regardless of party
23 affiliation, may vote in the primary elections for that office.
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25 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the following statement be placed on
26 the ballot:

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28 PRIMARY ELECTIONS.—Currently, all qualified voters,
29 regardless of party affiliation, may vote in primary elections
30 when all candidates have the same party affiliation and there is
31 no opposition, including write-in candidates, in the general
32 election. This amendment provides that the presence of write-in
33 candidates on the ballot will not prevent all qualified voters
34 from voting in primary elections.

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36 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

37 And the title is amended as follows:

38 Delete everything before the proposal clause



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39 and insert:

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A proposal to amend Section 5 of Article VI of the

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State Constitution to authorize all qualified

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electors, regardless of party affiliation, to vote in

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a partisan primary election for an office if all the

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candidates for the office have the same party

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affiliation and the winner will be opposed only by one

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or more write-in candidates in the general election.