

January 25, 2001

S 2. GUBERNATORIAL TEAM TICKET. *TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RUN AS A JOINT TICKET IN THE GENERAL ELECTION, TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF ACTING GOVERNOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RATHER THAN UNDER THE PRIMARY ACT.* Provides for a referendum at the general election in November 2002 on constitutional amendment requiring candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor to run as a team. Passage of the referendum would also (1) amend the constitution to permit the Governor to retain gubernatorial powers while absent from the State, and (2) trigger conforming statutory changes providing for nomination of candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor as a team, beginning with the 2004 election.

Intro. by Rand.

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February 20, 2001

S 2. GUBERNATORIAL TEAM TICKET. Intro. 1/25/01. Senate committee substitute adopted 2/20/01 makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Rewrites title of bill to read, "*TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RUN AS A JOINT TICKET IN THE GENERAL ELECTION, TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF ACTING GOVERNOR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RATHER THAN UNDER THE PRIMARY ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A SUCCESSOR SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ARE THE SAME AS THOSE FOR REMOVAL OF THE GOVERNOR.*" Differs from original bill in following respects. Rewrites proposed constitutional changes to (1) provide that the Governor's absence from the state does not affect the Governor's powers, and to allow the Governor to designate in writing powers the acting Governor may exercise during the Governor's absence from the state; (2) make provisions that are applicable to the Governor relating to physical or mental incapacity and impeachment apply equally to the Lieutenant Governor; and (3) authorize the Governor to fill any vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, for the remainder of an unexpired term, subject to the advice and consent of a majority of the Senate. Subject to approval of the Constitutional amendments, effective Jan. 1, 2005, rewrites GS 147-11.1(a)(2) to delete provision that made the Lieutenant Governor the acting Governor during the Governor's absence from the state; makes comparable change in GS 147-11.1(c)(1) regarding successor acting Governor; and adds new GS 147-11.1(g) providing that a designation of powers to be exercised during the Governor's absence from the state shall be made by filing with the Sec'y of State.

September 17, 2002

S 2. AUTHORIZE LOTTERY REFERENDUM. Intro. 5/14/02. House committee substitute, as amended, makes the following changes to 4th edition. Deletes provisions regarding 2002 primary scheduling and replaces them with provisions authorizing advisory referendum on establishment of a state lottery to supplement and not supplant state funding to support a voluntary statewide prekindergarten program to prepare at-risk four-year-olds for school, to reduce class sizes, and to address other education needs.