

February 7, 1963.  
Constitutional Amendments.

**H. J. R. 11**  
By DENMAN and REPPERT.

Passed House, Date.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution proposing to amend article four (IV) of the constitution of the state of Iowa relating to the executive department of the government of the state of Iowa and to the election of a governor and lieutenant governor.

*Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. An amendment to the constitution of the state of

2 Iowa as it appears in the Code of 1962 is proposed as follows:

3 Article four (IV) is amended in the following manner:

4 1. Section three (3) is hereby repealed and the following

5 adopted in lieu thereof:

6 "There shall be a lieutenant governor who shall hold office

7 for two years and be elected at the same time as the governor.

8 Upon the left-hand margin of each separate column of the ballot,

9 immediately opposite the names of the candidates for governor

10 and lieutenant governor, a single square shall be printed in

11 front of a bracket enclosing the names of said candidates for

12 governor and lieutenant governor for each party or group of

13 petitioners who have nominated a candidate for governor and a

14 candidate for lieutenant governor. In voting for governor and

15 lieutenant governor, the electors shall designate by making a

16 cross in the appropriate square for which party's or group's

17 nominees for governor and lieutenant governor they vote. The

18 returns of every election for governor and lieutenant governor

19 shall be sealed up and transmitted to the seat of government of

20 the state, directed to the speaker of the house of representatives,  
21 who shall open and publish them in the presence of both houses  
22 of the General Assembly.”

23 2. Section four (4) is hereby repealed and the following  
24 adopted in lieu thereof:

25 “The persons receiving the highest number of votes for  
26 governor and lieutenant governor shall be declared duly elected,  
27 but, in the event that the candidates for governor and lieutenant  
28 governor of two or more parties or groups of petitioners shall  
29 have an equal and the highest number of votes for the same office,  
30 the General Assembly shall, by joint vote, proceed to elect one  
31 of said sets of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor.”

32 3. Section five (5) is amended by striking from line two  
33 (2) the word “, or” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “and”.

34 4. Amendment one (1) of 1952 to section four (4) is amended  
35 by striking from lines eight (8) and nine (9) the words, “person  
36 who has received the highest number of votes for Governor”, and  
37 inserting in lieu thereof the words “candidate for governor of  
38 the party or group of petitioners whose candidates for governor  
39 and lieutenant governor received the highest number of votes for  
40 the said offices”.

41 Further amend said amendment by striking from lines fourteen  
42 (14) and fifteen (15) the words, “person who received the highest  
43 number of votes” and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
44 “candidates of said party or group of petitioners”.

1 Sec. 2. The foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa is hereby referred to the General Assembly  
3 to be chosen at the next general election and the secretary of  
4 state is directed to cause the same to be published as provided  
5 by law for three (3) months previous to the time of making such  
6 choice.

#### EXPLANATION OF H. J. R. 11

The purpose of this constitutional amendment is to provide for the election of governor and lieutenant governor on the same ballot and in the same manner as the president and vice president of the United States are elected.