

STATE AND COUNTY ELECTIONS IN EVEN YEARS AMENDMENT, 1905

Proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly, March 18, 1904. Submitted to the electors, November 7, 1905.

Total vote cast	.	.	.	.	.	961,505
For amendment	.	.	.	.	.	702,699
Against amendment	.	.	.	.	.	90,762

Adopted.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That a proposition shall be submitted to the electors of this state, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1905, to amend the Constitution of the state of Ohio, said amendment to be designated "Article XVII" and to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII

SECTION 1. Elections for state and county officers shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even numbered years; and all elections for other elective officers shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the odd numbered years.

SEC. 2. The term of office of the governor, lieutenant-governor, attorney-general, secretary of state and treasurer of state shall be two years, and that of the auditor of state shall be four years. The term of the offices of the judges of the supreme and circuit courts shall be

such even number of years not less than six (6) years as may be prescribed by the general assembly: that of the judges of the common pleas court six (6) years and of the judges of the probate court, four (4) years, and that of other judges shall be such even number of years not exceeding six (6) years as may be prescribed by the general assembly. The term of office of justices of the peace shall be such even number of years not exceeding four (4) years, as may be prescribed by the general assembly. The term of office of the members of the board of public works shall be such even number of years not exceeding six (6) years as may be prescribed; and the term of office of all elective county, township, municipal and school officers shall be such even number of years not exceeding four (4) years as may be so prescribed.

And the general assembly shall have power to extend existing terms of office as to effect the purpose of section 1 of this article.

Any vacancy which may occur in any elective state office other than that of member of the general assembly or of governor, shall be filled by appointment by the governor until the disability is removed, or a successor elected and qualified. Every such vacancy shall be filled by election at the first general election for the office which is vacant, that occurs more than thirty (30) days after the vacancy shall have occurred. The person elected shall fill the office for the unexpired term. All vacancies in other elective offices shall be filled for the unexpired term in such manner as may be prescribed by law.

SEC. 3. Every elective officer holding office when this

amendment is adopted, shall continue to hold such office for the full term for which he was elected, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified as provided by law.⁶⁸

⁶⁸ *Laws of Ohio*, vol. xcvi, 640. — ED.