General Assembly

Senate Joint Resolution No. 32

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LCO No. **3957**

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COURTS.

Resolved by this Assembly:

That the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and purposes, become a part thereof:

Section 1 of article fifth of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

The judicial power of the state shall be vested in a supreme court, a superior court, and such lower courts as the general assembly shall, from time to time, ordain and establish. The powers and jurisdiction of these courts shall be defined by law <u>and the practices and procedures of the courts, including their openness and accountability to the public, shall be established by statute.</u>

RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the

14 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
15 elected at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008, and
16 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
17 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 4, 2008,
18 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
19 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
20 amendment to be used on the voting machine ballot labels and
21 absentee ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
22 State be amended to provide that the practices and procedures of the
23 courts of this state, including their openness and accountability to the
24 public, shall be established by statute?"

GAE *Joint Favorable C/R* JUD