



General Assembly

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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 420 File No. 531 Cal. No. 354

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR
CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 commission to study the advantages and disadvantages of amending
5 the Constitution of the State of Connecticut to provide that the
6 Attorney General (1) be nominated by the Governor and appointed by
7 the General Assembly, or (2) be subject to the general qualification
8 requirements for state constitutional officers. If the commission finds
9 that the advantages of amending the Constitution to provide for such
10 nomination and appointment outweigh the disadvantages of
11 amending the Constitution for such purpose, the commission shall
12 recommend a term of office for the Attorney General and a procedure
13 for such nomination and appointment.

14 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

- 15 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 16 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
18 Representatives;
- 19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 20 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
21 Representatives;
- 22 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and
- 23 (7) The cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
24 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
25 relating to the judiciary, or their designees, chosen from among the
26 members of the committee.
- 27 (c) Any member of the commission appointed under subsection (b)
28 of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.
- 29 (d) All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than
30 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
31 filled by the appointing authority.
- 32 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
33 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the
34 commission from among the members of the commission. Such
35 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which
36 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
37 section.
- 38 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
40 judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the commission.
- 41 (g) Not later than January 15, 2013, the commission shall submit a
42 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section
45 11-4a of the general statutes. The commission shall terminate on the
46 date that it submits such report or January 15, 2013, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section