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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 7A SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION, HIS SUCCESSOR, WHO MUST BE A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE REGULATORY ENTITY OF THIS STATE LICENSING AND REGULATING CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THAT OF THE GOVERNOR.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Article VI of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding:

“Section 7A. Upon the expiration of the term of the Comptroller General serving in office on the date of the 2020 general election, his successor, who must be a certified public accountant licensed to practice in this State and in good standing with the regulatory entity of this State licensing and regulating certified public accountants, must be appointed by the Governor for a term coterminous with that of the Governor. Thereafter, his successors also must be appointed in the same manner with any vacancies to be filled in the manner of original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Appointments by the Governor to this office are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Article VI of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding Section 7A so as to provide that upon the expiration of the term of the Comptroller General serving in office on the date of the 2020 general election, his successor, who must be a certified public accountant licensed to practice in this State and in good standing with the regulatory entity of this State licensing and regulating certified public accountants, must be appointed by the Governor for a term coterminous with that of the Governor?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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