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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4

JOINT ASSEMBLY

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly meet this day at 1:15 P. M. o'clock in joint session to receive the Governor of Virginia and such communications as he may desire to make, and the rules for the government of the Senate and the House of Delegates, when convened in joint session for such purpose, shall be as follows:

1. At the hour fixed for the meeting of the joint assembly, accompanied by the President and Clerk of the Senate, the Senators shall proceed to the Hall of the House of Delegates and shall be received by the Delegates standing. Appropriate seats shall be assigned to the Senators by the sergeant at arms of the House. The Speaker of the House shall assign an appropriate seat for the President of the Senate.

2. The Speaker of the House shall be president of the joint assembly. In case it shall be necessary for him to vacate the Chair, his place shall be taken by the President of the Senate, or in his absence, by such member of the joint assembly as the President may designate.

3. The Clerk of the House of Delegates shall be the clerk of the joint assembly, and shall be assisted by the Clerk of the Senate. He shall enter the proceedings of the joint assembly in the Journal of the House and shall certify a copy of the same to the Clerk of the Senate, who shall enter the same in the Journal of the Senate.

4. The sergeant at arms and the doorkeepers and pages of the House shall act as such for the joint assembly.

5. The rules of the House of Delegates, as far as applicable, shall be the rules of the joint assembly.

6. In calling the roll of the joint assembly, the names of the Senators shall be called in alphabetical order, then the names of the Delegates in like order, except that the name of the Speaker of the House shall be called last.

7. If, when the joint assembly meets, it shall be ascertained that a majority of each House is not present, the joint assembly may take measures to secure the attendance of absentees, or adjourn to a succeeding day, as a majority of those present may determine.

8. When the joint assembly adjourns, the Senators, accompanied by the President and Clerk of the Senate, shall return to their chamber and the business of the House shall be continued in the same order as at the time of the entrance of the Senators.

The joint resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. MOORE *of Clarke* carry the joint resolution to the Senate and request its concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. NORRIS, who informed the House that the Senate has agreed to the joint resolution.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

Room 5600

January 14, 1948.

GENTLEMEN:

Since 1934 when the Old Capitol in Williamsburg was rebuilt and opened to the public, the General Assembly has held a commemorative joint session there each session except during the war years. To us of Colonial Williamsburg these meetings have been of great interest and significance. They have enabled the chief executives and other leaders of our State Government to assemble in this historic setting from time to time and derive inspiration from recalling the accomplishments of their predecessors in the early years of Virginia's history.

As the General Assembly of Virginia now gathers for its regular biennial session, I take great pleasure on behalf of the Trustees of Colonial Williamsburg in extending a very cordial invitation to the General Assembly to convene in a commemorative joint assembly in the reconstructed Capitol at Williamsburg on Saturday, February 7th, and afterwards to be our guests at luncheon. It is our hope that the General Assembly will resume this custom and hold this commemorative session regularly in Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, 3RD.

His Excellency, The Governor of Virginia
The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia

MR. CROCKETT offered the following joint resolution:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 5

WILLIAMSBURG SESSION, FEBRUARY 7, 1948

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the invitation of Colonial Williamsburg to use the Restored Capitol at Williamsburg be accepted; and that the sessions of the Senate and House of Delegates on February 7, 1948, be held in the Restored Capitol at Williamsburg.

The joint resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. CROCKETT carry the joint resolution to the Senate and request its concurrence.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, January 14, 1948.

To the General Assembly of Virginia:

I am transmitting to you herewith certified copy of a resolution of Congress entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Constitution

of the United States relating to the terms of office of the President", passed during the first session of the Eightieth Congress of the United States, "Begun and held at the City of Washington on Friday, the third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven".

WM. M. TUCK,
Governor.

No. 1526

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:

I certify That the copy hereto attached is a true copy of a resolution of Congress entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the terms of office of the President", the original of which is on file in this department.

(Department of State
SEAL
United States of America)

In testimony whereof, I, Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Authentication Officer of the said Department, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this twenty-fifth day of March, 1947.

DEAN ACHESON,
Acting Secretary of State.

By M. P. CHAUVIN,
Authentication Officer, Department of State.

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EIGHTIETH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

At the First Session

Begun and held at the City of Washington
on Friday, the third day of
January, one thousand nine
hundred and forty-seven.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the
Constitution of the United
States relating to the terms
of office of the President.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-

tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

"ARTICLE—

"Section 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such terms.

"Sec. 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within which seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress."

JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND,
Acting President of the Senate pro tempore.

The communication and certified copy of the resolution was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

MR. BOATWRIGHT offered the following joint resolution:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 6

RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CON-
STITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO
THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the Eightieth Congress of the United States of America, in both Houses by a constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, has made the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, as follows:

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That:

The following article is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

"Article—

"Section 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some

other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

"Section 2. This Article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress."

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, That such proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be, and it hereby is, ratified and affirmed; and

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That certified copies hereof be forwarded by the Governor of this State to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the Senate of the United States and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

(Referred under Rule 37.)

Mr. McCUE offered the following joint resolution:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7

PREPARATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, section 579 of the Code of Virginia provides that neither the director nor any employee of the Statutory Research and Drafting Bureau shall reveal to any person outside of the Bureau the contents or nature of any request or statement for drafting of bills and resolutions except with the consent of the person signing such request; and a strict compliance with this provision results in many unnecessary duplications of bills and resolutions and needless cost of printing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the members of the General Assembly are requested when asking for the preparation of bills and resolutions to inform the bureau that consent is given to disclose to other members of the General Assembly the fact that a similar bill or resolution has been or is being prepared by the bureau to the end that the duplication of bills and resolutions may be avoided.

The joint resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that Mr. McCUE carry the joint resolution to the Senate and request its concurrence.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the State Board of Elections:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Room 3 State Capitol

RICHMOND 12, VIRGINIA, January 14, 1948.

*The General Assembly of Virginia,
State Capitol,
Richmond, Virginia.*

GENTLEMEN:

During the election of November 5, 1946, Section 183 of the Constitution of Virginia was ratified by the people of Virginia. The result of the canvass of this vote was as follows:

For.....145,003
Against..... 58,060

I am attaching hereto statement of votes cast.

Very truly yours,

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
LEVIN NOCK DAVIS, *Secretary.*

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STATEMENT OF THE VOTES

CAST

FOR AND AGAINST

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

At an election held on Tuesday November 5, 1946

QUESTION:

Shall section one hundred eighty-three of the Constitution of Virginia be amended so as to permit State and local taxation of property owned directly or indirectly by the United States?

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of
VIRGINIA

Compiled by
State Board of Elections

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Richmond, Virginia

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR AND AGAINST CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA. CAST IN THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER A.D. 1946.