

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 127

Offered by Senator Dawn Clark Netsch

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the 1970 Illinois Constitution requires that if the question of whether a Constitutional Convention should be called is not submitted during any twenty-year period, such question shall be submitted at the general election in the twentieth year following the last submission; and

WHEREAS, The question of the convening of the previous Constitutional Convention was submitted to the electorate in 1968, and no such question has been submitted during the past twenty-year period; and

WHEREAS, The 1970 Illinois Constitution thus requires that the question of whether to call a Constitutional Convention be submitted to the electorate at the general election of 1988; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly is in the process of enacting Senate Bill 1655, which authorizes a procedure for preparing voter education materials to accompany the question of calling a convention, similar to the materials currently required for proposed constitutional amendments; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1655 also calls for creation of a Joint Senate-House Committee to prepare such materials; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Senate Bill 1655, the question of the calling of a Constitutional Convention will be submitted to the electors of this State at the 1988 general election; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that a Joint Committee is hereby created, to be known as the Joint Committee for the Constitutional Convention Proposal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee shall consist of 8 legislative members, 2 each appointed by the President and the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly designate one of the members of the Joint Committee as Chairman; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee shall direct the preparation of a brief explanation of the question of calling a Constitutional Convention, a brief argument in favor of such call, a brief argument against such call, and the form in which the question will appear on its separate ballot as provided by Section 16-6 of the Election Code, in conformity with "An Act to provide the manner of proposing amendments to the Constitution, and submitting the same to the electors of this State", approved March 14, 1877, as amended; and be it further

RESOLVED, That by June 24, 1988, the Joint Committee shall file a report with the house of origin of this Joint Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Report shall contain the explanation of the question calling a Constitutional Convention, the arguments in favor of and against the call, and the form in

which the question of a Constitutional Convention will appear on the ballot; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the two houses shall adopt the report by a vote of a majority of the members elected thereto and such report shall then be certified to the Secretary of State.

Adopted by the Senate, May 17, 1988.

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Concurred in by the House of Representatives, June 7, 1988.

Speaker of House of
Representatives

Clerk of House of
Representatives