

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 17, 2017

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 11—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 6 of Article II thereof, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 11, as introduced, Lara. Elections: Nonpartisan offices.

The California Constitution requires that all judicial, school, county, and city offices be nonpartisan. The California Constitution prohibits a political party or party central committee from nominating a candidate for nonpartisan office, and prohibits including the party preference of a candidate for nonpartisan office on the ballot for the nonpartisan office.

This measure would allow school, county, and city offices, except the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to be partisan offices.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the
- 2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2017–18 Regular
- 3 Session commencing on the fifth day of December 2016, two-thirds
- 4 of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to
- 5 the people of the State of California, that the Constitution of the
- 6 State be amended as follows:
- 7 That Section 6 of Article II thereof is amended to read:

1 SEC. 6. (a) ~~All judicial, school, county, and city offices,~~
2 ~~including the Superintendent of Public Instruction, judicial offices~~
3 ~~and the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction~~ shall be
4 nonpartisan.

5 (b) A political party or party central committee shall not
6 nominate a candidate for nonpartisan office, and the candidate's
7 party preference shall not be included on the ballot for the
8 nonpartisan office.