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2026 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **30**

RELATING TO: the public utilities commissioners.

PROVIDING THAT: the public utilities commissioners are elected.

SPONSORS: Rep. Oppel, Graf. 9

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the commissioners of the public utilities commission be elected.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: the public utilities commissioners.

PROVIDING THAT: the public utilities commissioners are elected.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 34 the
2 following new article:

3 [Art.] 34-a. [Election of Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission.]

4 Three commissioners of the public utilities commission shall be elected by the qualified voters of
5 the state at the biennial general election beginning in 2028. The term of office shall be six years.
6 The commissioners shall be responsible for the enforcement and administration of the insurance
7 laws of the state and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by law.

8 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
9 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2026.

10 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
11 insert in their warrants for the said 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide
12 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2026 session of the general court shall
13 be approved.

14 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:
15 "Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 34 a new
16 article to read as follows:

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19 the state at the biennial general election beginning in 2028. The term of office shall be six years.
20 The commissioners shall be responsible for the enforcement and administration of the insurance
21 laws of the state and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by law."

22 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
23 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
24 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no oval is marked, the
25 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
26 official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
27 the 2026 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

28 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it

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1 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

2 VII. Voters' Guide.

3 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the commissioners of the public utilities commission are
4 appointed for staggered 6 year terms by the governor and executive council.

5 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the commissioners of the public utilities
6 commission shall be elected for 6 year terms by qualified voters of the state at a general election.