

HJR 69 -- GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

SPONSOR: Houghton

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment changes the laws regarding gubernatorial appointments. The amendment specifies that the Governor may make temporary or acting appointments to department head positions as allowed by law. By and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor must appoint all members of administrative boards and commissions and all other officials as provided by law, but if no person is selected within 90 days from the time of the vacancy, the Lieutenant Governor must make the appointment by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The amendment specifies that the Lieutenant Governor cannot cast a deciding vote on a tie-vote in the Senate regarding appointments of all members of administrative boards and commissions submitted to the Senate.