

**CACR 6 – AS INTRODUCED**

2015 SESSION

15-0846  
06/03

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **6**

RELATING TO: county attorneys.

PROVIDING THAT: county attorneys shall be appointed.

SPONSORS: Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Rep. J. Belanger, Hills 27; Rep. Beaulieu, Hills 45; Rep. Burton, Straf 6

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that county attorneys shall be appointed.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Fifteen*

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: county attorneys.

PROVIDING THAT: county attorneys shall be appointed.

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

1 I. That article 46 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 [Art.] 46. [Nomination and Appointment of Officers.] All judicial officers, the Attorney General,  
3 and all officers of the Navy, and general and field officers of the militia, shall be nominated and  
4 appointed by the Governor and Council; and every such nomination shall be made at least three days  
5 prior to such appointment; and no appointment shall take place, unless a majority of the Council  
6 agree thereto. **County Attorneys shall be nominated by the New Hampshire Bar Association**  
7 **board of governors which shall submit three names for each county to the Governor. The**  
8 **Governor and Council shall appoint one such nominee from each county as County**  
9 **Attorney.**

10 II. That article 71 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

11 [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, Registers of Probate, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of  
12 Deeds Elected.] The County Treasurers, Registers of Probate, ~~county attorneys,~~ Sheriffs and  
13 Registers of Deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in  
14 the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the State, Provided nevertheless  
15 the Legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of  
16 electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

17 III. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified  
18 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2016.

19 IV. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to  
20 insert in their warrants for the said 2016 election an article to the following effect: To decide  
21 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2015 session of the general court shall  
22 be approved.

23 V. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

24 “Are you in favor of amending Articles 46 and 71 of the second part of the constitution to read as  
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12 VI. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot  
13 or on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall  
14 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in  
15 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall  
16 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional  
17 Amendments proposed by the 2015 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the  
18 ballot.

19 VII. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment,  
20 it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.