

LEGISLATIVE BILL 340

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1971

Introduced by Ramey C. Whitney, 44th District; George Syas, 13th District; William H. Hasebroock, 18th District

AN ACT for submission to the electors of an amendment to Article IV, section 4, of the Constitution of Nebraska, relating to the executive; to clarify the provisions thereof; to provide for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors at the primary election in May, 1972; to provide for the manner of submission and form of ballot; and to provide the effective date thereof.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That at the primary election in May, 1972, there shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval the following amendment to Article IV, section 4, of the Constitution of Nebraska, which is hereby proposed by the Legislature:

"Sec. 4. The returns of every election for the officers of the executive department shall be sealed up and transmitted by the returning officers to the Secretary of State, directed to the Speaker of the Legislature, who shall immediately after the organization of the Legislature, and before proceeding to other business, open and publish the same in the presence of a majority of the members of the Legislature. The person having the highest number of votes for either each of said offices shall be declared duly elected; but if two or more have an equal and the highest number of votes, the Legislature shall choose one of such persons for said office. The conduct of election contests for any of said offices shall be in such manner as may be prescribed by law."

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by Article XVI, section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska. The proposition for the submission of the proposed amendment shall be placed upon the ballot in the following form:

"Constitutional amendment clarifying the meaning thereof.

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Sec. 3. That the proposed amendment, if adopted, shall be in force and take effect immediately upon the completion of the canvass of the votes, at which time it shall be the duty of the Governor to proclaim it as a part of the Constitution of Nebraska.