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# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

**Citations Affected:** Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

**Synopsis:** County officers. Removes the: (1) auditor; (2) recorder; (3) treasurer; (4) coroner; and (5) surveyor (officers); from the list of elected county officers who are to be elected in each county. Requires the general assembly to prescribe, by law, the duties of the officers to the county executive. Provides a schedule for the officers to complete their terms. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning state and local administration.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Twenty-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is
- 4 referred to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and
- 5 agreement.
- 6 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 7 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 8 FOLLOWS: Section 2. (a) There shall be elected, in each county by the
- 9 voters thereof, at the time of holding general elections, a Clerk of the
- 10 Circuit Court Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, and a Sheriff, Coroner, and
- 11 Surveyor, who shall, severally, hold their offices for four years.
- 12 (b) The General Assembly may provide by law for uniform dates for



beginning the terms of the county officials listed in subsection (a). If the General Assembly enacts a law to provide a uniform date for beginning the terms of a county official listed in subsection (a), the General Assembly may provide that the term of each county official initially elected after enactment of the law to provide the uniform date for beginning the terms of the county official is for less than four years in order to establish a uniform schedule of dates for the beginning of terms for the office. However, after the initial election for each office, the term for that office shall be for four years.

(c) No person shall be eligible to the office of Clerk, ~~Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, or Sheriff, or Coroner~~ more than eight years in any period of twelve years.

**(d) The General Assembly shall prescribe, by law, the duties of the:**

- (1) auditor;**
- (2) recorder;**
- (3) treasurer;**
- (4) coroner; and**
- (5) surveyor;**

**to the county executive.**

SECTION 3. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**SCHEDULE**

**(a) An individual serving as a county:**

- (1) auditor;**
- (2) recorder;**
- (3) treasurer;**
- (4) coroner; or**
- (5) surveyor;**

**on January 1, 2029, may complete their elected term.**

**(b) After an individual described in subsection (a) completes their elected term or the individual's elected term ends due to resignation, removal, incapacitation, or death, the duties of that county:**

- (1) auditor;**
- (2) recorder;**
- (3) treasurer;**
- (4) coroner; and**
- (5) surveyor;**

**will be assumed by the county executive.**

**(c) This schedule is effective November 8, 2028, and is stricken**



1      **January 1, 2033.**

