The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

## **DIGEST**

<u>Present constitution</u> authorizes the legislature to provide for the appointment, in lieu of election, of specified elected officials, including the state superintendent of education, by a law enacted by a 2/3 vote of the legislature. Provides that the legislature shall prescribe qualifications and method of appointment, should the office become appointive. Further provides that the legislature, by a 2/3 vote, may reestablish the office as elective.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> removes the office of state superintendent of education from the list of elected offices which may be made appointive by legislative enactment.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the term of an appointed state superintendent holding office on the second Monday in January, 2016, shall expire immediately before noon on that day. Provides that thereafter, the state superintendent of education shall be elected for a term of four years. Further provides that the state superintendent to take office at noon on the second Monday in January, 2016, shall be elected at the time for election of statewide elected officials and members of the legislature in 2015.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, Sec. 20 and Art. VIII, Sec. 2)