



2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 24

March 5, 2007 - Introduced by Representatives ALBERS, OWENS and TOWNSEND.
Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

1 **Relating to:** supreme court case conferences (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, some conferences of the supreme court are closed to the public. This constitutional amendment requires the supreme court to meet in public when it confers on cases.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

2 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

3 **SECTION 1.** Section 4 (4) of article VII of the constitution is created to read:

4 [Article VII] Section 4 (4) Meetings of the supreme court at which motions,
5 petitions, petitions for review, cases, actions, and proceedings are discussed or
6 decided shall be open to the public, and such meetings shall be preceded by
7 reasonable public notice of the specific matters to be considered.

8 **SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision.** The new subsection (4) of section
9 4 of article VII of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated
10 by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if,

1 before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint
2 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (4) of section 4 of
3 article VII of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a
4 subsection (4) of section 4 of article VII simultaneously with the ratification by the
5 people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections created
6 shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created by the
7 joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers
8 designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other joint
9 resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the numbers
10 of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

11 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
12 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3
13 months previous to the time of holding such election.

14 (END)