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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS

Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 45

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The Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends to the Convention adoption of the attached proposed constitutional amendment. The amendment is with respect to the age and residency qualification of persons who may hold the office of governor.

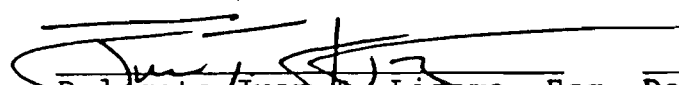
The Committee's recommended constitutional amendment will increase the age requirement from thirty (30) years to thirty-five (35) years and the residency requirement from seven (7) to ten (10) years.

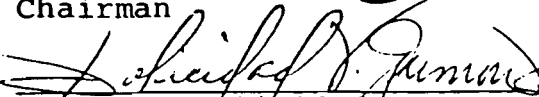
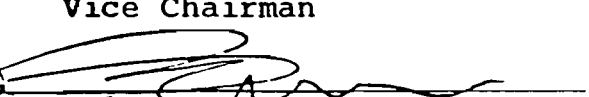
The increase in the age requirement will assure that individuals with more practical and academic experience would hold the office of governor. The increase in the residency requirement will insure that persons holding the office of governor will have attained a greater opportunity to understand the strength, potentials and needs of the Commonwealth.



Delegate Proposals: Your Committee considered Delegate Proposal Nos. 7-85 and 23-85 and believes that this amendment is the better approach to addressing the concerns raised.

Your Committee urges all the Convention Delegates to support the recommendation to adopt the attached proposed constitutional amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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16 Adopted by Committee of the Whole and Convention on July 14, 1985.

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