The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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<u>Present constitution</u> provides for a department of justice headed by the attorney general who will be the chief legal officer of the state.

Present constitution provides that the attorney general has authority to do the following:

- (1) Institute, prosecute, or intervene in any civil action or proceeding.
- (2) Upon written request of a district attorney, to advise and assist in the prosecution of any criminal case.
- (3) For cause, when authorized by a court which would have original jurisdiction and subject to judicial review, do any one of the following:
 - (a) Institute, prosecute, or intervene in any criminal action or proceeding.
 - (b) To supersede any attorney representing the state in any civil or criminal action.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains <u>present constitution</u> and further authorizes the attorney general by law enacted by 2/3 vote of the legislature to institute certain civil and criminal actions for cause.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, Sec. 8))