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S 1469. APPOINT MOST COUNCIL OF STATE MEMBERS. Filed 3/22/07. *TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE ARE THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AUDITOR, TREASURER, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL*.

Article II of the NC Constitution provides that the Council of State consists of the following ten officials elected every four years: the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor, and Commissioner of Insurance. This bill provides for a referendum in November 2008 on amending Article II to provide that only the five officials indicated in the title are to be elected. The first elections under the new provision would occur in 2012, and the new provision would apply to all vacancies in these offices occurring on or after January 1, 2009.

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