

Constitution, presenting, for any of those County Commissioners who were elected in November last, terms of service which shall continue beyond the period of two years?

Submitted the following

**REPORT:**

The Judiciary Committee has strong convictions both as to the power and duty of the Legislature at its present session, at least in the absence of any general or local law relating thereto, by appropriate legislation to carry into effect the provisions of section 1, of Article 7, of the Constitution as amended and adopted at the recent general State election by defining and limiting the terms of office of the County Commissioners of the various counties of the State, elected at said general election, not to exceed in any case the period of six years.

The Judiciary Committee recognizes the fact that said section 1, of Article 7, of the Constitution as it existed previous to said general election ceased to exist and be part of the organic law of the State when the vote of the people of the State adopted the amended section, and that we are at this time and have been since said general election living under the provisions of said amended section, and the County Commissioners holding office by virtue of and under its provisions and the Act of 1890, which provided for its submission to a vote of the people of the State.

The Judiciary Committee think, however, it is highly proper and right, when there exists a difference and uncertainty of opinion as to the effect and operation of said amended section of the Constitution as in this case, that the Senate should be advised by the highest law officer of the State as to his opinion in the premises that there may be no difference of opinion among the members of the Senate on this question and that united and intelligent action may be taken in this matter.

Therefore the resolution or order is favorably reported.

**JOHN B. BROWN,**  
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read.