

**Reference:**

Article III, Section 2

**Ballot Title:**

Speech or Debate Privilege

**Ballot Summary:**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to provide that legislators' speech or debate relating to legislative duties is privileged and that legislators shall not be questioned in any other place with respect thereto.

**Full Text:**

## ARTICLE III

## LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2. Members; officers; legislative privilege.--

(a) Each house shall be the sole judge of the qualifications, elections, and returns of its members, and shall biennially choose its officers, including a permanent presiding officer selected from its membership, who shall be designated in the senate as President of the Senate, and in the house as Speaker of the House of Representatives. The senate shall designate a Secretary to serve at its pleasure, and the house of representatives shall designate a Clerk to serve at its pleasure.

(b) Members of the senate and the house of representatives shall in all cases be privileged with regard to any speech or debate relating to legislative duties, and they shall not be questioned in any other place with respect thereto.

(c) The legislature shall appoint an auditor to serve at its pleasure who shall audit public records and perform related duties as prescribed by law or concurrent resolution.