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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 3 of article 7 of the constitution, in relation to requiring that the appropriations bills submitted to the legislature by the governor set forth with enough specificity each appropriation

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 3 of article 7 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 S 3. At the time of submitting the budget to the legislature the
3 governor shall submit a bill or bills containing all the proposed appropriations and reappropriations included in the budget and the proposed
4 legislation, if any, recommended therein. ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND REAP-
5 PROPRIATIONS SHALL BE SPECIFICALLY ITEMIZED BY THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH
6 THEY MAY BE USED TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.
7 SUCH PURPOSES SHALL BE SPECIFIED IN CLEAR AND PLAIN LANGUAGE AND SHALL
8 REFER TO BOTH THE COMMONLY USED NAMES OF THE PROGRAMS COVERED BY SUCH
9 APPROPRIATIONS AND THE PROVISION OF LAW (IF ANY) AUTHORIZING THE
10 PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, OR EXPENDITURES COVERED BY SUCH APPROPRIATIONS.

11 The governor may at any time within thirty days thereafter and, with
12 the consent of the legislature, at any time before the adjournment thereof, amend or supplement the budget and submit amendments to any bills
13 submitted by him or her or submit supplemental bills. ALL APPROPRI-
14 ATIONS AND REAPPROPRIATIONS, CONTAINED IN SUCH AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS, SHALL BE SPECIFICALLY ITEMIZED BY THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH
15 THEY MAY BE USED. SUCH PURPOSES SHALL BE SPECIFIED IN CLEAR AND PLAIN
16 LANGUAGE AND SHALL REFER TO BOTH THE COMMONLY USED NAMES OF THE PROGRAMS
17 COVERED BY SUCH APPROPRIATIONS AND THE PROVISION OF LAW (IF ANY) AUTHORIZING THE PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, OR EXPENDITURES COVERED BY SUCH APPROPRIATIONS.

18 The governor and the heads of departments shall have the right, and it
19 shall be the duty of the heads of departments when requested by either

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 house of the legislature or an appropriate committee thereof, to appear
2 and be heard in respect to the budget during the consideration thereof,
3 and to answer inquiries relevant thereto. The procedure for such appear-
4 ances and inquiries shall be provided by law.

5 S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing be referred
6 to the first regular legislative session convening after the next
7 succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conform-
8 ity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3
9 months previous to the time of such election.