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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing amendments to sections 9 and 12 of article 3 of the constitution, in relation to requiring every bill to be accompanied by sponsors' memoranda of support of legislation

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 9 of article 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

S 9. A majority of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business. [Each] NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, EACH house shall determine the rules of its own proceedings, and be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members; shall choose its own officers; and the senate shall choose a temporary president and the assembly shall choose a speaker.

S 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 12 of article 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

S 12. Any bill may originate in either house of the legislature, and all bills passed by one house may be amended by the other.

EVERY BILL INTRODUCED IN EITHER HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM, WHICH SHALL CONTAIN A STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THE BILL, HOW THE BILL WOULD ALTER CURRENT LAW, AN EXPLANATION OF EACH SECTION OF THE BILL, AND THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF THE BILL, INCLUDING PRIOR FLOOR AND COMMITTEE VOTES. IF SUCH MEMBER DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE, SUCH MEMORANDUM MAY SET FORTH SUCH OTHER STATEMENTS THAT SUCH MEMBER FEELS NECESSARY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, STATEMENTS RELATING TO ECONOMIC IMPACT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OR THE IMPACT ON THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE BILL. A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, WHERE IT DEEMS NECESSARY, MAY REQUIRE THAT THE INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE SUCH APPROPRIATE STATEMENTS. WHEN A BILL IS AMENDED, THE SPONSOR SHALL AMEND THE SPONSOR'S MEMORANDUM.

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

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S 3. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendments be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.