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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing amendments to sections 9 and 12 of article 3 of the constitution, in relation to the sponsorship of bills in the legislature

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 9 of arti-
2 cle 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:
3 S 9. A majority of each house shall constitute a quorum to do busi-
4 ness. [Each] NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, EACH house
5 shall determine the rules of its own proceedings, and be the judge of
6 the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members; shall
7 choose its own officers; and the senate shall choose a temporary presi-
8 dent and the assembly shall choose a speaker.
9 S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 12 of article 3
10 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:
11 S 12. Any bill may originate in either house of the legislature, and
12 all bills passed by one house may be amended by the other.
13 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SHALL BE OPEN TO SPONSORSHIP BY ANY MEMBER OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE. NO RULE OF THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY SHALL PREVENT ANY
15 MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM ADDING SUCH MEMBER'S NAME TO A BILL AS A
16 CO-SPONSOR OR MULTI-SPONSOR WITHIN SUCH MEMBER'S HOUSE OF THE LEGISLA-
17 TURE. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO BILLS INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNOR
18 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SEVEN OF THIS CONSTITUTION, OR TO BILLS INTRODUCED
19 ON THE REPORT OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.
20 S 3. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendments
21 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
22 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
23 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
24 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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