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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing amendments to article 3 of the constitution, in relation to providing the electors with the power of legislative initiative and redress

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That article 3 of the constitution be amended by adding a new section 14-a to read as follows:

S 14-A. LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AND REDRESS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION TO THE CONTRARY, A BILL THAT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN BOTH BRANCHES OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR AND VOTED UPON IN BOTH BRANCHES OF THE LEGISLATURE UPON THE FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE A PETITION, SIGNED BY REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS STATE NO LESS IN NUMBER THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOTES FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AT THE LAST GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION, REQUESTING THAT SUCH BILL BE BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR AND VOTED UPON IN BOTH BRANCHES OF THE LEGISLATURE. AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF THE SIGNATURES SHALL BE FROM REGISTERED VOTERS RESIDING OUTSIDE OF A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE. SUCH PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE NO LATER THAN THE FIRST TUESDAY IN MAY OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TERM OF THE LEGISLATURE, SHALL INDICATE BOTH THE SENATE BILL NUMBER AND THE ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER, AND SHALL BEAR THE SIGNATURE AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS, INCLUDING COUNTY, OF EACH SIGNATORY. UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH PETITION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL WITHIN TEN DAYS EITHER REJECT THE PETITION FOR FAILURE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION OR TRANSMIT SUCH PETITION TO BOTH BRANCHES OF THE LEGISLATURE, WHERE THE BILL SHALL BE BROUGHT TO A VOTE BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TERM OF THE LEGISLATURE. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL NEGATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE BILL SHALL BE PRINTED AND UPON THE

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

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DESKS OF THE MEMBERS, IN ITS FINAL FORM, AT LEAST THREE CALENDAR LEGISLATIVE DAYS PRIOR TO ITS FINAL PASSAGE.

S 2. 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.