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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 12 of article 3 of the constitution,  
in relation to conference committees

1     Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 12 of arti-  
2     cle 3 of the constitution be amended by adding a new undesignated para-  
3     graph to read as follows:  
4     UPON THE ENGROSSMENT OF A BILL IN A DIFFERENT FORM BY BOTH HOUSES, A  
5     CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SHALL BE FORMED BY APPOINTMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS FROM  
6     EACH HOUSE BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS THEREOF TO SERVE ON A CONFERENCE  
7     COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO REACH A COMPROMISE BETWEEN  
8     THE TWO DRAFT BILLS, AND MAY ONLY DELIBERATE ON THOSE ISSUES THAT DIFFER  
9     IN THE DRAFTS ENGROSSED BY THE TWO HOUSES. THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS  
10    SHALL TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC FORUM, AND IT SHALL REPORT THE RESULT OF ITS  
11    DELIBERATIONS IN THE FORM OF A BILL. A NEW DRAFT BILL RESULTING FROM THE  
12    COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS MAY RECEIVE A NEW BILL NUMBER. ANY ITEMS OF  
13    APPROPRIATION IN A NEW OR AMENDED BILL MAY NOT EXCEED THE HIGHER OF SUCH  
14    ITEMS FROM EITHER OF THE SEPARATELY ENGROSSED BILLS. REPORTS OF A  
15    CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CANNOT BE CHANGED OR AMENDED BY EITHER HOUSE, BUT  
16    MUST BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED IN WHOLE, IN THE FORM IN WHICH MADE.  
17    REJECTION OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BY BOTH HOUSES SHALL RESULT  
18    IN THE CREATION OF A NEW CONFERENCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED IN THE MANNER SET  
19    FORTH ABOVE, WHICH MAY MAKE ANY ALTERATIONS NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT  
20    BETWEEN THE TWO ENGROSSED BILLS, AND REPORT ITS DELIBERATIONS TO BOTH  
21    HOUSES FOR THE QUESTION UPON ITS FINAL PASSAGE.  
22    S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendments  
23    be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
24    next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
25    conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
26    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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