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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 1 of the constitution, in relation to establishing a procedure for a people's veto of laws enacted by the legislature

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That article 1 of the
2 constitution be amended by adding a new section 19 to read as follows:
3 S 19. PEOPLE'S VETO. 1. PETITION PROCEDURE; PETITION FOR PEOPLE'S
4 VETO. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER SECTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION TO THE
5 CONTRARY, UPON A WRITTEN PETITION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE STATE, THE
6 NUMBER OF WHICH SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTE FOR
7 GOVERNOR CAST IN THE LAST GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION PRECEDING THE FILING OF
8 SUCH PETITION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ON OR
9 BEFORE THE NINETIETH DAY AFTER A BILL SHALL HAVE BECOME LAW PURSUANT TO
10 ARTICLE 4, SECTION 7 OF THIS CONSTITUTION, WHICH INCREASES, EXTENDS,
11 IMPOSES, OR REVIVES ANY TAX, FEE, ASSESSMENT, SURCHARGE OR ANY OTHER
12 SUCH LEVY OR COLLECTION, REQUESTING THAT SUCH LAW OR PART OR PARTS THERE-
13 OF, BE REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE, SUCH LAW OR PART OR PARTS THEREOF AS ARE
14 SPECIFIED IN SUCH PETITION SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER THE
15 GOVERNOR SHALL HAVE ANNOUNCED BY PUBLIC PROCLAMATION THAT THE SAME HAVE
16 BEEN RATIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING THEREON AT A GENERAL
17 ELECTION. AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF THE SIGNATURES SHALL BE FROM ELECTORS
18 RESIDING OUTSIDE OF A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE.
19 2. EFFECT OF REFERENDUM. THE EFFECT OF ANY LAW OR PART OR PARTS THERE-
20 OF AS ARE SPECIFIED IN SUCH PETITION SHALL BE SUSPENDED UPON THE FILING
21 OF SUCH PETITION. IF IT IS LATER FINALLY DETERMINED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
22 ANY PROCEDURE ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION,
23 THAT SUCH PETITION WAS INVALID, SUCH LAW OR PART OR PARTS THEREOF SHALL
24 THEN TAKE EFFECT UPON THE DAY FOLLOWING SUCH FINAL DETERMINATION.
25 3. REFERRAL TO ELECTORS; PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR. AS SOON AS IT
26 APPEARS THAT THE EFFECT OF ANY LAW OR PART OR PARTS THEREOF HAS BEEN
27 SUSPENDED BY PETITION IN MANNER AFORESAID, THE GOVERNOR BY PUBLIC PROC-
28 LAMATION SHALL GIVE NOTICE THEREOF AND OF THE TIME WHEN SUCH MEASURE IS

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

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1 TO BE VOTED ON BY THE PEOPLE, WHICH SHALL BE AT THE NEXT GENERAL
2 ELECTION, NOT LESS THAN 60 DAYS AFTER SUCH PROCLAMATION.

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