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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 14 of article 3 of the constitution, in relation to the manner of passing bills

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 14 of arti-
2 cle 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:
3 S 14. No bill shall be passed or become a law unless it shall have
4 been printed and upon the desks of the members OR, AT A MEMBERS' OPTION,
5 IF IT HAS BEEN SET FORTH IN A LEGIBLE ELECTRONIC FORMAT BY ELECTRONIC
6 MEANS AND HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN SUCH FORMAT AT THE DESK OF
7 SUCH MEMBER, in its final form, at least three calendar legislative days
8 prior to its final passage, unless the governor, or the acting governor,
9 shall have certified, under his or her hand and the seal of the state,
10 the facts which in his or her opinion necessitate an immediate vote
11 thereon, in which case it must nevertheless be upon the desks of the
12 members in final form, not necessarily printed, before its final
13 passage; nor shall any bill be passed or become a law, except by the
14 assent of a majority of the members elected to each branch of the legis-
15 lature; and upon the last reading of a bill, no amendment thereof shall
16 be allowed, and the question upon its final passage shall be taken imme-
17 diately thereafter, and the ayes and nays entered on the journal.
18 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "ELECTRONIC MEANS" MEANS ANY METHOD OF
19 TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COMPUTERS OR OTHER MACHINES DESIGNED
20 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SENDING AND RECEIVING SUCH TRANSMISSIONS AND WHICH:
21 ALLOWS THE RECIPIENT TO REPRODUCE THE INFORMATION TRANSMITTED IN A
22 TANGIBLE MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION; AND DOES NOT PERMIT ADDITIONS, DELETIONS
23 OR OTHER CHANGES TO BE MADE WITHOUT LEAVING AN ADEQUATE RECORD THEREOF.
24 S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment
25 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
26 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
27 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
28 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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