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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 7 of the constitution, in relation to  
a timely state budget

1     Section 1. RESOLVED (if the Assembly concur), That article 7 of the  
2     constitution be amended by adding a new section 4-a to read as follows:

3     S 4-A. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PASS A STATE BUDGET PRIOR TO THE END OF  
4     THE STATE FISCAL YEAR.

5     IN THE EVENT THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT PASS A STATE BUDGET PRIOR TO THE  
6     END OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR, BOTH THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE SHALL  
7     REMAIN IN SESSION, AND SHALL NOT ADJOURN, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE LEGIS-  
8     LATURE HAS PASSED A STATE BUDGET AND TRANSMITTED THE SAME TO THE GOVER-  
9     NOR.

10    IF THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT PASS A STATE BUDGET PRIOR TO THE END OF  
11    THE STATE FISCAL YEAR, AFTER THE END OF SUCH STATE FISCAL YEAR, NEITHER  
12    THE SENATE NOR THE ASSEMBLY SHALL PASS ANY BILL OR RESOLUTION, OTHER  
13    THAN A RESOLUTION OR BILL PASSING THE STATE BUDGET, UNLESS SUCH BILL OR  
14    RESOLUTION IS TO RESPOND TO A STATE EMERGENCY, AND IN SUCH CASE, SUCH  
15    EMERGENCY BILL OR RESOLUTION SHALL REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF ALL THE  
16    MEMBERS ELECTED IN EACH HOUSE IN ORDER TO PASS.

17    NEITHER THE SENATE NOR THE ASSEMBLY AFTER MARCH FIRST MAY INCLUDE IN  
18    ANY BUDGET BILL OR RESOLUTION, ANY BILL, PORTION OF A BILL, OR SUBSTAN-  
19    TIAL LANGUAGE OR CONTENT FROM A BILL, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN EITHER  
20    HOUSE OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION,  
21    UNLESS SUCH BILL, PORTION OF A BILL, OR SUBSTANTIAL LANGUAGE OR CONTENT  
22    FROM THE BILL WAS INCLUDED WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET ORIGINALLY  
23    SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE BY THE GOVERNOR.

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 the 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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