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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 Senate concur), That section 12 of article  
2 3 of the constitution be amended by adding a new undesignated paragraph  
3 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 Senate concur), That the foregoing amendments be  
23 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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