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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 9 of the constitution, in relation to acts of the legislature having fiscal impact on local governments

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That article 9 of the
2 constitution be amended by adding a new section 4 to read as follows:

3 S 4. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE STATE FUNDING TO REIMBURSE CITIES,
4 COUNTIES, TOWNS, AND/OR VILLAGES FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPENDI-
5 TURES MADE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR ANY LAW, GENERAL OR SPECIAL, EFFECTIVE
6 THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY SUCCEEDING THE APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS, WHICH
7 MANDATES THE UNDERTAKING OF A NEW PROGRAM OR INCREASES THE LEVEL OF
8 SERVICE OF AN EXISTING PROGRAM BY A CITY, COUNTY, TOWN, OR VILLAGE. THE
9 LEGISLATURE SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AMONG
10 THE CITIES, COUNTIES, TOWNS, AND/OR VILLAGES.

11 THIS REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY WHERE FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT OR MATCH-
12 ING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND SUCH PROVISION WOULD DISQUALIFY A MUNICI-
13 PALITY, OR IMPAIR A MUNICIPALITY'S ABILITY, TO PARTICIPATE IN OR RECEIVE
14 SUCH FEDERAL FUNDS. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL, IN ITS DISCRETION, DETERMINE
15 IF STATE FUNDING SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR THE SUPPORT OF SUCH FEDERAL
16 PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

17 S 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be
18 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
19 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
20 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
21 published for three 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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