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Introduced by Sens. SERINO, MURPHY -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 14 of article 3 of the constitution,  
in relation to limiting the use of messages of necessity

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, in its final form, at  
5     least three calendar legislative days prior to its final passage, unless  
6     the governor, or the acting governor, shall have certified, under his or  
7     her hand and the seal of the state, the facts which in his or her opin-  
8     ion necessitate an immediate vote thereon TO RESPOND TO A STATE OF EMER-  
9     GENCY, in which case it must nevertheless be upon the desks of the  
10    members in final form, not necessarily printed, before its final  
11    passage; nor shall any bill be passed or become a law, except by the  
12    assent of a majority of the members elected to each branch of the legis-  
13    lature; and upon the last reading of a bill, no amendment thereof shall  
14    be allowed, and the question upon its final passage shall be taken imme-  
15    diately thereafter, and the ayes and nays entered on the journal.  
16    For purposes of this section, a bill shall be deemed to be printed and  
17    upon the desks of the members if: it is set forth in a legible electron-  
18    ic format by electronic means, and it is available for review in such  
19    format at the desks of the members. For purposes of this section "elec-  
20    tronic means" means any method of transmission of information between  
21    computers or other machines designed for the purpose of sending and  
22    receiving such transmissions and which: allows the recipient to  
23    reproduce the information transmitted in a tangible medium of  
24    expression; and does not permit additions, deletions or other changes to  
25    be made without leaving an adequate record thereof.  
26    S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing be referred  
27    to the first regular legislative session convening after the next

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

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1 succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conform-  
2 ity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3  
3 months previous to the time of such election.