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IN SENATE

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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 procedure for voting increases in the rate of state taxes

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 14 of article 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

14. No bill shall be passed or become a law unless it shall have 3 S 4 been printed and upon the desks of the members, in its final form, at least three calendar legislative days prior to its final passage, unless 5 б 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 opinion necessitate an immediate vote thereon, in which case it must never-8 theless be upon the desks of the members in final form, not necessarily 9 10 printed, before its final passage; nor shall any bill, except as provided herein, be passed or become a law, except by the assent of a 11 12 majority of the members elected to each branch of the legislature; nor 13 shall any bill which increases, extends, imposes, or revives any tax, 14 fee, assessment, surcharge or any other such levy or collection, except 15 any bill which results from the passage of a home rule message pursuant 16 to section two of article nine of this constitution, be passed or become 17 a law, except by the assent of two-thirds of the members elected to each 18 branch of the legislature voting separately; and upon the last reading of a bill, no amendment thereof shall be allowed, and the question upon 19 20 its final passage shall be taken immediately thereafter, and the ayes and nays entered on the journal. 21 22 For purposes of this section, a bill shall be deemed to be printed and

23 upon the desks of the members if: it is set forth in a legible electron-24 ic format by electronic means, and it is available for review in such 25 format at the desks of the members. For purposes of this section "elec-26 tronic means" means any method of transmission of information between 27 computers or other machines designed for the purpose of sending and 28 receiving such transmissions and which: allows the recipient to 29 reproduce the information transmitted in a tangible medium of

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 expression; and does not permit additions, deletions or other changes to 2 be made without leaving an adequate record thereof.

3 § 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment 4 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the 5 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in 6 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be 7 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.