

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

June 12, 2020

Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 1 of article 3 of the constitution, in relation to submission of certain legislation to a statewide vote and adding a new article 20 relating thereto

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 1 of arti-  
2 cle 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1. [~~The~~] Except as otherwise provided in article XX legisla-  
4 tive power of this state shall be vested in the senate and assembly.

5 § 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That article 20 of the consti-  
6 tution be renumbered article 21 and a new article 20 be added to read as  
7 follows:

#### ARTICLE XX

#### LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM

10 Section 1. Any amendment to the consolidated or unconsolidated laws of  
11 this state, except laws immediately necessary for the preservation of  
12 the public peace, health, or safety, or for the support and maintenance  
13 of the departments of the state government and state institutions, may  
14 be proposed by a majority vote of the senate and assembly to be ratified  
15 by a majority of the electors of the state. If the amendment or amend-  
16 ments as proposed or as amended shall be agreed to by a majority of the  
17 members elected to each of the two houses, such proposed amendment or  
18 amendments shall be entered on their journals, and the ayes and noes  
19 taken thereon, and referred to the next regular legislative session  
20 convening after the succeeding general election of members of the assem-  
21 bly, and shall be published for three months previous to the time of  
22 making such choice; and if in such legislative session, such proposed  
23 amendment or amendments shall be agreed to by a majority of all the  
24 members elected to each house, then it shall be the duty of the legisla-  
25 ture to submit each proposed amendment or amendments to the people for  
26 approval in such manner and at such times as the legislature shall  
27 prescribe; and if the people shall approve and ratify such amendment or  
28 amendments by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such amendment

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

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1 or amendments shall become law pursuant to the effective date prescribed  
2 by the legislation.

3 § 3. 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 three months previous to the time of such election.