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IN SENATE

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing the addition of a new section 19 to article 1 of the constitution in relation to the fundamental right of the people to have access to public information

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That article 1 of the constitution be amended by adding a new section 19 to read as follows:

§ 19. The right to public information, being a necessary and vital part of democracy and public deliberation, shall be a fundamental right of the people. The right of the people to inspect and/or copy records of government, and to be provided notice of and attend public meetings of government, shall not be unreasonably restricted.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be 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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