

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Governmental Operations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 7 of article 4 of the constitution, in
relation to requiring the governor submit to oral questions from the
legislature annually

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 7 of article
2 4 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:
3 § 7. (a) Every bill which shall have passed the senate and assembly
4 shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the governor; if the
5 governor approve, ~~[he or she]~~ the governor shall sign it; but if not,
6 ~~[he or she]~~ the governor shall return it with ~~[his or her]~~ the gover-
7 nor's objections to the house in which it shall have originated, which
8 shall enter the objections at large on the journal, and proceed to
9 reconsider it. If after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the members
10 elected to that house shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent
11 together with the objections, to the other house, by which it shall
12 likewise be reconsidered; and if approved by two-thirds of the members
13 elected to that house, it shall become a law notwithstanding the
14 objections of the governor. In all such cases the votes in both houses
15 shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the members
16 voting shall be entered on the journal of each house respectively. If
17 any bill shall not be returned by the governor within ten days (Sundays
18 excepted) after it shall have been presented to ~~[him or her]~~ the gover-
19 nor, the same shall be a law in like manner as if ~~[he or she]~~ the gover-
20 nor had signed it, unless the legislature shall, by their adjournment,
21 prevent its return, in which case it shall not become a law without the
22 approval of the governor. No bill shall become a law after the final
23 adjournment of the legislature, unless approved by the governor within
24 thirty days after such adjournment. If any bill presented to the gover-
25 nor contain several items of appropriation of money, the governor may
26 object to one or more of such items while approving of the other portion

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

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1 of the bill. In such case the governor shall append to the bill, at the
2 time of signing it, a statement of the items to which [~~he or she~~] the
3 governor objects; and the appropriation so objected to shall not take
4 effect. If the legislature be in session, [~~he or she~~] the governor shall
5 transmit to the house in which the bill originated a copy of such state-
6 ment, and the items objected to shall be separately reconsidered. If on
7 reconsideration one or more of such items be approved by two-thirds of
8 the members elected to each house, the same shall be part of the law,
9 notwithstanding the objections of the governor. All the provisions of
10 this section, in relation to bills not approved by the governor, shall
11 apply in cases in which [~~he or she~~] the governor shall withhold approval
12 from any item or items contained in a bill appropriating money.

13 (b) The governor shall submit in person to oral questions from the
14 legislature for two hours in joint session once per year at a time set
15 by agreement of the senate and assembly.

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