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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing amendments to section 14 of article 3 and section 2 of article
9 of the constitution, in relation to the procedure for voting
increases in the rate of state taxes

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 § 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~~
7 ~~or her~~] hand and the seal of the state, the facts which in [~~his or her~~]
8 such governor or acting governor's opinion necessitate an immediate vote
9 thereon, 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, except as provided in this section, be
12 passed or become a law, except by the assent of a majority of the
13 members elected to each branch of the legislature; nor shall any bill
14 which increases, extends, imposes, or revives any tax, fee, assessment,
15 surcharge or any other such levy or collection, except any bill which
16 results from the passage of a home rule message pursuant to section two
17 of article nine of this constitution, be passed or become a law, except
18 by the assent of two-thirds of the members elected to each branch of the
19 legislature voting separately; and upon the last reading of a bill, no
20 amendment thereof shall be allowed, and the question upon its final
21 passage shall be taken immediately thereafter, and the ayes and nays
22 entered on the journal.

23 For purposes of this section, a bill shall be deemed to be printed and
24 upon the desks of the members if: it is set forth in a legible electron-
25 ic format by electronic means, and it is available for review in such

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

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1 format at the desks of the members. For purposes of this section "elec-
2 tronic means" means any method of transmission of information between
3 computers or other machines designed for the purpose of sending and
4 receiving such transmissions and which: allows the recipient to
5 reproduce the information transmitted in a tangible medium of
6 expression; and does not permit additions, deletions or other changes to
7 be made without leaving an adequate record thereof.

8 § 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the opening paragraph of
9 paragraph (c) of section 2 of article 9 of the constitution be amended
10 to read as follows:

11 In addition to powers granted in the statute of local governments or
12 any other law, (i) every local government shall have power to adopt and
13 amend local laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitu-
14 tion or any general law relating to its property, affairs or government,
15 provided, however, any local law that increases, extends, imposes, or
16 revives any tax for which authority is required by the legislature shall
17 require the vote of two-thirds of the total voting power of the legisla-
18 tive body of such local government and, (ii) every local government
19 shall have power to adopt and amend local laws not inconsistent with the
20 provisions of this constitution or any general law relating to the
21 following subjects, whether or not they relate to the property, affairs
22 or government of such local government, except to the extent that the
23 legislature shall restrict the adoption of such a local law relating to
24 other than the property, affairs or government of such local government:

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