

By Senator Hutson

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article III of the State Constitution to limit the period during which the Legislature may reconsider the veto of a specific appropriation of a general appropriation bill to 90 days after the Governor files objections, to require a vetoed specific appropriation from the general revenue fund which is not legislatively reinstated to be transferred to the budget stabilization fund, and to specify that the amount transferred may not be used in calculating the fund's principal balance limitation.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 8 of Article III of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 8. Executive approval and veto.—

(a) Every bill passed by the legislature shall be presented to the governor for approval and shall become a law if the governor approves and signs it, or fails to veto it within seven consecutive days after presentation. If during that period or on the seventh day the legislature adjourns sine die or takes a recess of more than thirty days, the governor shall have fifteen

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30 consecutive days from the date of presentation to act on the  
31 bill. In all cases except general appropriation bills, the veto  
32 shall extend to the entire bill. The governor may veto any  
33 specific appropriation in a general appropriation bill, but may  
34 not veto any qualification or restriction without also vetoing  
35 the appropriation to which it relates.

36 (b) When a bill ~~or any specific appropriation of a general~~  
37 ~~appropriation bill~~ has been vetoed, the governor shall transmit  
38 signed objections thereto to the house in which the bill  
39 originated if in session. If that house is not in session, the  
40 governor shall file them with the custodian of state records,  
41 who shall lay them before that house at its next regular or  
42 special session, whichever occurs first, and they shall be  
43 entered on its journal. If the originating house votes to  
44 reenact ~~re-enact~~ a vetoed bill ~~measure~~, whether in a regular or  
45 special session, and the other house does not consider or fails  
46 to reenact ~~re-enact~~ the vetoed bill ~~measure~~, no further  
47 consideration by either house at any subsequent session may be  
48 taken. If a vetoed bill ~~measure~~ is presented at a special  
49 session and the originating house does not consider it, the bill  
50 ~~measure~~ will be available for consideration at any intervening  
51 special session and until the end of the next regular session.

52 ~~(c)~~ If each house ~~shall~~, by a two-thirds vote, reenacts ~~re-~~  
53 ~~enact~~ the bill ~~or reinstate the vetoed specific appropriation of~~  
54 ~~a general appropriation bill~~, the vote of each member voting  
55 shall be entered on the respective journals, and the bill shall  
56 become law ~~or the specific appropriation reinstated~~, the veto  
57 notwithstanding.

58 (c) When a specific appropriation of a general

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59 appropriation bill has been vetoed, the governor shall file  
60 signed objections thereto with the custodian of state records.  
61 Within ninety days after the date the objections are filed, the  
62 legislature may reconsider the vetoed specific appropriation  
63 during a special or regular session of the legislature. If each  
64 house, by a two-thirds vote, reinstates the vetoed specific  
65 appropriation of a general appropriation bill, the vote of each  
66 member voting shall be entered on the respective journals, and  
67 the specific appropriation shall be reinstated, the veto  
68 notwithstanding. If a vetoed specific appropriation that  
69 originates from the general revenue fund is not reinstated by  
70 the legislature, the vetoed specific appropriation shall be  
71 transferred to the budget stabilization fund. The amount  
72 transferred shall not be used in calculating the principal  
73 balance limitation specified for the budget stabilization fund  
74 in section 19(g) of this article.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
76 placed on the ballot:

77 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

78 ARTICLE III, SECTION 8

79 VETOED APPROPRIATIONS; RECONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATURE;  
80 TRANSFERS TO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND.—Proposing an  
81 amendment to the State Constitution to limit the period during  
82 which the Legislature may reconsider the veto of a specific  
83 appropriation of a general appropriation bill to 90 days after  
84 the Governor files objections and to require a vetoed specific  
85 appropriation from the general revenue fund which is not  
86 legislatively reinstated to be transferred to the budget  
87 stabilization fund. The amount transferred may not be used in

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calculating the fund's principal balance limitation.