

Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

HJR 7001 — Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees

by Ways and Means Committee and Reps. Leek and others (SJR 1742 by Senator Stargel)

HJR 7001 proposes an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no state tax or fee may be imposed, authorized, raised by the legislature, or authorized by the Legislature to be raised, except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature. The joint resolution also requires that any proposed state tax or fee imposition, authorization or increase must be contained in a separate bill that contains no other subject.

The joint resolution specifies that the proposed amendment does not authorize the imposition of any state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the State Constitution, and does not apply to any tax or fee imposed by, or authorized to be imposed by, a county, municipality, school board, or special district.

The amendment proposed in the joint resolution will take effect on January 8, 2019, if approved by sixty percent of the voters during the 2018 general election or earlier special election.

If approved by the voters, these provisions take effect January 8, 2019.

Vote: Senate 25-13; House 80-29