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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article III of the State Constitution, relating to the passage of bills by the Legislature, to require a specified review period for proposed legislation prior to final passage.

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

That the amendment to Section 7 of Article III of the State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2002:

SECTION 7. Passage of bills.--Any bill may originate in either house and after passage in one may be amended in the other. It shall be read in each house on three separate days, unless this rule is waived by two-thirds vote; provided the publication of its title in the journal of a house shall satisfy the requirement for the first reading in that house. On each reading, it shall be read by title only, unless one-third of the members present desire it read in full. With the exception of general appropriation bills, including conference reports therefor, subject to the seventy-two hour public review period pursuant to Section 19 of this Article, and with the exception of concurrent resolutions or resolutions relating to extension of a session or legislative organization or procedures, all bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, resolutions, memorials, and conference reports shall be furnished in their final form to each member of the house hearing the measure at least forty-eight hours

1 prior to final passage by that house of the legislature. On  
2 final passage, the vote of each member voting shall be entered  
3 on the journal. Passage of a bill shall require a majority  
4 vote in each house. Each bill and joint resolution passed in  
5 both houses shall be signed by the presiding officers of the  
6 respective houses and by the secretary of the senate and the  
7 clerk of the house of representatives during the session or as  
8 soon as practicable after its adjournment sine die.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the  
10 requirements of s. 101.161, Florida Statutes, the title and  
11 substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on the  
12 ballot as follows:

13 REVIEW PERIOD FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION

14 BEFORE FINAL PASSAGE; EXEMPTIONS

15 Requires all bills, joint resolutions, concurrent  
16 resolutions, resolutions, memorials, and conference reports to  
17 be furnished in their final form to each member of the house  
18 hearing the measure at least forty-eight hours prior to final  
19 passage by that house of the Legislature. Exempts all general  
20 appropriation bills and their conference reports, which are  
21 subject to a separate seventy-two hour public review period  
22 under the State Constitution, and exempts concurrent  
23 resolutions or resolutions relating to extension of a session  
24 or legislative organization or procedures.

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