

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article III of the State Constitution to require specific appropriations of a general appropriation bill which originate from the general revenue fund and are vetoed by the Governor, but which are not reinstated by a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature in a special session, to be transferred to the budget stabilization fund and to specify that such amounts do not count toward the principal balance limitation of that fund.

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

27 or on the seventh day the legislature adjourns sine die or takes
 28 a recess of more than thirty days, the governor shall have
 29 fifteen consecutive days from the date of presentation to act on
 30 the bill. In all cases except general appropriation bills, the
 31 veto shall extend to the entire bill. The governor may veto any
 32 specific appropriation in a general appropriation bill, but may
 33 not veto any qualification or restriction without also vetoing
 34 the appropriation to which it relates.

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

51 ~~(c)~~ If each house shall, by a two-thirds vote, reenact ~~re-~~
 52 ~~enact~~ the bill ~~or reinstate the vetoed specific appropriation of~~

53 ~~a general appropriation bill~~, the vote of each member voting
 54 shall be entered on the respective journals, and the bill shall
 55 become law ~~or the specific appropriation reinstated~~, the veto
 56 notwithstanding.

57 (c) When any specific appropriation of a general
 58 appropriation bill has been vetoed, the governor shall file
 59 signed objections thereto with the custodian of state records.
 60 Within 90 days after the date the objections are filed, the
 61 legislature may be convened as provided by law in special
 62 session to reconsider the vetoed specific appropriation. If each
 63 house shall, by a two-thirds vote, reinstate the vetoed specific
 64 appropriation of a general appropriation bill, the vote of each
 65 member voting shall be entered on the respective journals, and
 66 the specific appropriation shall be reinstated, the veto
 67 notwithstanding. If the specific appropriation originated from
 68 the general revenue fund and the vetoed specific appropriation
 69 is not reinstated by the legislature, the vetoed specific
 70 appropriation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization
 71 fund. The amount transferred shall not be used in calculating
 72 the principal balance limitation specified for the budget
 73 stabilization fund in section 19(g) of this article.

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

76 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
 77 ARTICLE III, SECTION 8

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78 VETOED APPROPRIATIONS; BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND.—Proposing
79 an amendment to the State Constitution to require specific
80 appropriations of a general appropriation bill which originate
81 from the general revenue fund and are vetoed by the Governor,
82 but which are not reinstated by a two-thirds vote of each house
83 of the Legislature in a special session, to be transferred to
84 the budget stabilization fund and to specify that such amounts
85 do not count toward the principal balance limitation of that
86 fund.