

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article III of the State Constitution to provide that any specific appropriation originating from the General Revenue Fund, upon veto by the Governor, shall be transferred to the Budget Stabilization Fund, to specify that the amount transferred may not be used in calculating the fund's principal balance limitation, and to provide that, if the veto is overridden, the amount transferred shall be returned to the General Revenue Fund for expenditure.

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

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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 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 measure, no further consideration
46 | by either house at any subsequent session may be taken. If a
47 | vetoed measure is presented at a special session and the
48 | originating house does not consider it, the measure will be
49 | available for consideration at any intervening special session
50 | and until the end of the next regular session.

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

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

57 (d) A vetoed specific appropriation originating from the
 58 general revenue fund, immediately upon being vetoed by the
 59 governor, shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund,
 60 and the amount transferred shall not be used in calculating the
 61 principal balance limitation specified for the budget
 62 stabilization fund in section 19(g) of this article. If the
 63 vetoed specific appropriation is reinstated by the legislature,
 64 the amount transferred to the budget stabilization fund shall be
 65 returned to the general revenue fund for expenditure in
 66 accordance with the specific appropriation.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
 68 placed on the ballot:

69 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

70 ARTICLE III, SECTION 8

71 TRANSFER OF VETOED APPROPRIATIONS TO THE BUDGET
 72 STABILIZATION FUND.—Proposing an amendment to the State
 73 Constitution to provide that any specific appropriation
 74 originating from the General Revenue Fund, upon veto by the
 75 Governor, shall be transferred to the Budget Stabilization Fund.
 76 The amount transferred may not be used in calculating the fund's
 77 principal balance limitation. If the veto is overridden by the
 78 Legislature, the amount transferred shall be returned to the

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79 | General Revenue Fund for expenditure in accordance with the
80 | specific appropriation.