

By Senator Diaz

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IV of the State Constitution to require the Chief Financial Officer, as prescribed by general law, to annually provide information about counties and municipalities to residents in a manner that allows residents to compare economic and noneconomic factors of each local government.

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

That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article IV 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 IV
EXECUTIVE

SECTION 4. Cabinet.—

(a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of agriculture. In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall be deemed to prevail.

(b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor

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30 shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to
31 prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having
32 occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related
33 transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has
34 affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general
35 law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney
36 general from not less than three persons nominated by the
37 judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as
38 otherwise provided by general law.

39 (c) The chief financial officer shall serve as the chief
40 fiscal officer of the state, and shall:

41 (1) Settle and approve accounts against the state; ~~and~~
42 ~~shall~~

43 (2) Keep all state funds and securities; and

44 (3) As prescribed by general law, annually provide
45 information about counties and municipalities to residents in a
46 manner that allows residents to compare economic and noneconomic
47 factors of each local government.

48 (d) The commissioner of agriculture shall have supervision
49 of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise
50 provided by law.

51 (e) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, and
52 the attorney general shall constitute the state board of
53 administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control,
54 and authority of the state board of administration established
55 pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885,
56 and which shall continue as a body at least for the life of
57 Article XII, Section 9(c).

58 (f) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the

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59 attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall
60 constitute the trustees of the internal improvement trust fund
61 and the land acquisition trust fund as provided by law.

62 (g) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the
63 attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall
64 constitute the agency head of the Department of Law Enforcement.
65 The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism is created
66 within the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic
67 Security and Counterterrorism shall provide support for
68 prosecutors and federal, state, and local law enforcement
69 agencies that investigate or analyze information relating to
70 attempts or acts of terrorism or that prosecute terrorism, and
71 shall perform any other duties that are provided by law.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
73 placed on the ballot:

74 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

75 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4

76 DUTIES OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.—Proposing an
77 amendment to the State Constitution to require the Chief
78 Financial Officer, as prescribed by general law, to annually
79 provide information about counties and municipalities to
80 residents in a manner that allows residents to compare economic
81 and noneconomic factors of each local government.