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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article IV and the creation of Section 14 in Article IV of the State Constitution to require that the Senate confirm appointments and removals made by the Governor and to require that the Legislature authorize an extension of a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

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

That the following amendment to Section 6 of Article IV and the creation of Section 14 of Article IV of the State Constitution are 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 6. Executive departments.—All functions of the executive branch of state government shall be allotted among not more than twenty-five departments, exclusive of those specifically provided for or authorized in this constitution. The administration of each department, unless otherwise provided in this constitution, shall be placed by law under the direct

26 supervision of the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
27 governor and cabinet, a cabinet member, or an officer or board
28 appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor,
29 except:

30 (a) ~~When provided by law,~~ Confirmation by the senate ~~or~~
31 ~~the approval of three members of the cabinet~~ shall be required
32 for appointment to or removal from any designated statutory
33 office.

34 (b) Boards authorized to grant and revoke licenses to
35 engage in regulated occupations shall be assigned to appropriate
36 departments and their members appointed for fixed terms, subject
37 to removal only for cause.

38 SECTION 14. Legislative ratification of a state of
39 emergency.—If the governor declares a state of emergency and
40 circumstances require that the state of emergency be extended
41 beyond 60 days, the governor may extend the state of emergency
42 beyond 60 days only if the legislature authorizes such
43 extension.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
45 placed on the ballot:

46 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

47 ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 6 and 14

48 SENATE CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS;
49 LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF EXTENDED STATES OF EMERGENCY.—Proposing
50 an amendment to the State Constitution to require that

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51 | appointments to and removals from designated statutory offices
52 | made by the Governor be confirmed by the Senate and to remove
53 | the present authority of three members of the Cabinet approving
54 | such appointments and removals. The amendment also requires that
55 | the Legislature authorize any extension of a declared state of
56 | emergency by the Governor which exceeds 60 days.