

## 1 House Joint Resolution

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

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

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12 That the following amendment to Section 6 of Article IV and  
13 the creation of Section 14 of Article IV of the State  
14 Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the  
15 electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next  
16 general election or at an earlier special election specifically  
17 authorized by law for that purpose:

## 18 ARTICLE IV

## 19 EXECUTIVE

20 SECTION 6. Executive departments.—All functions of the  
21 executive branch of state government shall be allotted among not  
22 more than twenty-five departments, exclusive of those  
23 specifically provided for or authorized in this constitution.  
24 The administration of each department, unless otherwise provided  
25 in this constitution, shall be placed by law under the direct

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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.