

By Senator Martin

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 6 and 14

SENATE CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS;  
LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF EXTENDED STATES OF EMERGENCY.—Proposing  
an amendment to the State Constitution to require that  
appointments to and removals from designated statutory offices  
made by the Governor be confirmed by the Senate and to remove  
the present authority of three members of the Cabinet approving  
such appointments and removals. The amendment also requires that  
the Legislature authorize any extension of a declared state of  
emergency by the Governor which exceeds 60 days.