

CS/SB 2742 — Nonbinding Statewide Advisory Referendum/Balanced Federal Budget

by Judiciary Committee and Senators Atwater and Baker

This bill provides for a nonbinding statewide advisory referendum, at the 2010 general election, on the question of whether the U.S. Constitution should be amended to require a balanced federal budget without raising taxes. The bill requires the following question to be printed on the ballot, followed by the word “yes” and the word “no”:

In order to stop the uncontrolled growth of our national debt and prevent excessive borrowing by the Federal Government, which threatens our economy and national security, should the United States Constitution be amended to require a balanced federal budget without raising taxes?

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 31-5; House 79-33