

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 68

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BENNETT

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section IV, paragraph 6
2 and Section VI, paragraph 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
3 of New Jersey.

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General
6 Assembly concurring):

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8 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution is agreed to:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 a. Amend Article IV, Section IV, paragraph 6 to read as follows:

13 6. All bills and joint resolutions shall be read three times in each House
14 before final passage. No bill or joint resolution shall be read a third time in
15 either House until after the intervention of one full calendar day following the
16 day of the second reading; but if either House shall resolve by vote of
17 three-fourths of all its members, signified by yeas and nays entered on the
18 journal, that a bill or joint resolution is an emergency measure, it may proceed
19 forthwith from second to third reading. No bill or joint resolution shall pass,
20 other than a bill or joint resolution the net effect of which is to raise State
21 revenues by levying a new State tax or providing for an increase in a State tax,
22 unless there shall be a majority of all members of each body personally present
23 and agreeing thereto, and the yeas and nays of the members voting on such
24 final passage shall be entered on the journal.

25 No bill or joint resolution the net effect of which is to raise State revenues
26 by levying a new State tax or providing for an increase in a State tax shall
27 pass, unless there be a two-thirds majority of all the members of each body
28 personally present and agreeing thereto, and the yeas and nays of the members
29 voting on such final passage shall be entered on the journal.

30 (cf: Art.IV, Sect.IV, par.6, effective Jan. 1, 1948)

31 b. Amend Article IV, Section VI, paragraph 1 to read as follows:

32 1. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the General Assembly; but

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 the Senate may propose or concur with amendments, as on other bills.
2 However, an amendment to a bill or joint resolution the net effect of which is
3 to raise State revenues by levying a new State tax or by providing for an
4 increase in a State tax may not be adopted or concurred with by either body
5 other than by a two-thirds majority of all the members of the proposing or
6 concurring body personally present and agreeing thereto.
7 (cf: Art.IV, Sect.VI, par.1, effective Jan. 1, 1948)

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9 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to
10 pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted
11 to the people at the next general election occurring more than three months
12 after the final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one
13 newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate, the
14 Speaker of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than
15 three months prior to the general election.

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17 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the
18 people at that election in the following manner and form:

19 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the general
20 election, the following:

21 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend
22 which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

23 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+) or
24 check (T) in the square opposite the word 'Yes.' If you are opposed thereto
25 make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (T) in the square opposite the word 'No.'

26 In every municipality the following question:

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<p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>The purpose of this constitutional amendment is to require that any bill or joint resolution and any amendment to any bill or joint resolution that has the net effect of raising State revenues by levying a new State tax or increasing an existing State tax shall be passed by the Legislature only by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of each House of the Legislature, instead of by a majority vote as with other bills or resolutions.</p>

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional amendment shall, if approved, be applicable to action upon bills and joint resolutions pending in either House of the Legislature during the legislative sessions commencing on and after approval of this amendment by the voters.

STATEMENT

This concurrent resolution proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to require that any bill or joint resolution and any amendment to a bill or joint resolution that has the net effect of raising State revenues by levying a new State tax or proposing to increase an existing State tax shall be

1 passed by the Legislature only by a two-thirds majority vote of the members
2 of each House of the Legislature, instead of by a majority vote as with other
3 bills and resolutions.

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8 Amends Constitution to require that bills with net effect of raising State
9 revenues by proposing a new State tax or a State tax increase pass each
10 House of Legislature by two-thirds majority vote.