

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 7

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator McGREEVEY

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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10 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 levying a new State tax or providing for an
21 increase or decrease in a State tax, unless there shall be a majority of all
22 members of each body personally present and agreeing thereto, and the yeas
23 and nays of the members voting on such final passage shall be entered on the
24 journal.

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

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

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

2 1. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the General Assembly; but
3 the Senate may propose or concur with amendments, as on other bills.
4 However, a bill or joint resolution for raising revenue by levying a new State
5 tax or by providing for an increase or decrease in a State tax may not be
6 amended by either body other than by a two-thirds majority of all themembers
7 of the proposing or concurring body personally present and agreeing thereto.
8 (cf: Art.IV, Sect.VI, par.1, effective Jan. 1, 1948)

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

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

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

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

24 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (x), plus (+) or
25 check (O) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are opposed thereto
26 make a cross (x), plus (+) or check (O) in the square opposite the word "No."

27 b. In every municipality, the following question:

1		CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT STATE
2		TAX BILLS REQUIRE PASSAGE BY
3		TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH
4		HOUSE OF LEGISLATURE
5		Do you approve amending Section IV, paragraph
6		6 and Section VI, paragraph 1 of Article IV of the
7		Constitution of the State of New Jersey to require
8		that bills and joint resolutions levying a new State
9	YES	tax or providing for an increase or decrease in a
10		State tax be passed by, or amended in, the
11		Legislature by a vote of two-thirds of the members
12		of each House of the Legislature?
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14		INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT
15		The purpose of this constitutional amendment is to
16		require that any bill or joint resolution levying a new
17		State tax or proposing to increase or decrease an
18		existing State tax shall be passed or amended by
19	NO	the Legislature only by a two-thirds majority vote
20		of the members of each House of the Legislature,
21		instead of by a majority vote as with other bills or
22		resolutions.
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SCHEDULE

This Constitutional amendment shall, if approved, be applicable to bills and joint resolutions introduced during the legislative sessions commencing on or after noon on January 9, 1996.

STATEMENT

This concurrent resolution proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to require that any bill or joint resolution levying a new State tax or proposing to increase or decrease 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 and resolutions.



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- 1 Amends Constitution to require that State tax bills pass both Houses of
- 2 Legislature by two-thirds majority vote.