



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 11

February 27, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, STEFFEN, TITTL, NYGREN, BRANDTJEN, HORLACHER, KREMER, MURPHY, QUINN, SKOWRONSKI, THIESFELDT and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Constitution and Ethics.

- 1 **To create** section 12 of article VIII of the constitution; **relating to:** funding in bills
2 placing requirements on local governmental units (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2017 legislature on first consideration, prohibits the legislature from passing any bill that places a requirement on a local governmental unit unless the bill contains an appropriation that reimburses the local governmental unit for the full cost of complying with the requirement. The amendment does not prohibit the governor from vetoing an appropriation contained in a bill that creates such a requirement.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

3 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 12 of article VIII of the constitution is created to read:

5 [Article VIII] Section 12. The legislature may not pass any bill that places a
6 requirement on a city, village, town, county, school district, technical college district,
7 or other local governmental unit unless the bill contains an appropriation that

1 reimburses the local governmental unit for the full cost of complying with the
2 requirement.

3 **SECTION 2. Numbering of new provisions.** If another constitutional
4 amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this
5 joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the
6 sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

7 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
8 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three
9 months previous to the time of holding such election.

10 (END)