

2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 12

- March 7, 2019 Introduced by Representatives SPREITZER, BILLINGS, BROSTOFF, CROWLEY, DOYLE, EMERSON, FIELDS, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, MEYERS, OHNSTAD, POPE, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SUBECK, SINICKI, C. TAYLOR, VRUWINK and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senators RINGHAND, CARPENTER, HANSEN, LARSON, L. TAYLOR and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.
- *To create* section 35 of article IV of the constitution; relating to: prohibiting the
 assembly and senate from passing certain bills following a general election
 (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2019 legislature on first consideration, provides that after the November general election, the assembly and the senate may not pass any bill that affects any of the following until after the next political year commences:

1. The powers and duties of the legislature, legislative leaders, legislative committees, or any other unit of the legislature.

2. The powers and duties of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer, or superintendent of public instruction.

3. The powers, duties, and election of any justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge, or circuit court judge.

4. The powers, duties, and jurisdiction of the supreme court or any appeals or circuit court.

5. The powers, duties, and composition of any state agency or other public entity created by law.

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

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

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1	SECTION 1. Section 35 of article IV of the constitution is created to read:
2	[Article IV] Section 35. After the election that occurs on the first Tuesday after
3	the first Monday in November in an even-numbered year, the assembly and the
4	senate may not pass any bill that affects any of the following until after the next
5	political year commences:
6	(1) The powers and duties of the legislature, legislative leaders, legislative
7	committees, or any other unit of the legislature.
8	(2) The powers and duties of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney
9	general, secretary of state, state treasurer, or superintendent of public instruction.
10	(3) The powers, duties, and election of any justice of the supreme court, appeals
11	judge, or circuit judge.
12	(4) The powers, duties, and jurisdiction of the supreme court or any appeals or
13	circuit court.
14	(5) The powers, duties, and composition of any state agency or other public
15	entity created by law.
16	SECTION 2. Numbering of new provisions. If another constitutional
17	amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this
18	joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the
19	sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.
20	Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the
21	legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three
22	months previous to the time of holding such election.
23	(END)

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