



**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 112**

March 16, 2000 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

- 1 At the locations indicated, amend the joint resolution as follows:
- 2 **1.** Page 2, line 15: delete “, “inflation”” and substitute “:
- 3 1. “Inflation”.
- 4 **2.** Page 2, line 17: after that line insert:
- 5 “2. “Ballot issue” means a question presented pursuant to this subsection to the
- 6 electors for approval at an election.
- 7 3. “Governmental unit” means any city, village, town or county.”.
- 8 **3.** Page 2, line 18: delete “Beginning” and substitute “Except as otherwise
- 9 provided in this subsection, beginning”.
- 10 **4.** Page 2, line 24: after that line insert:
- 11 “(c) The limit under par. (b) may be exceeded in a governmental unit only with
- 12 elector approval under this subsection in advance. An approval may not apply to less
- 13 than all of the real property in the governmental unit.

1 (d) A ballot issue may be submitted only at an election at which either members
2 of the legislature or members of the judiciary are regularly elected or at a primary
3 election held to nominate candidates to be voted for at such an election, or on the
4 Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday of November in odd-numbered years.

5 (e) At least 15 days before a ballot issue election, the governmental unit shall
6 mail a titled notice or set of notices addressed to “All Qualified Electors” at each
7 address of one or more residents of the governmental unit. A notice shall be titled:
8 “NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO INCREASE TAXES.” A notice shall include only:

9 1. The election date and hours, the ballot title and text and the address and
10 telephone number of the election office of the governmental unit;

11 2. The total or estimated total of fiscal year spending by the governmental unit
12 for the current year and each of the past 4 years, and the overall percentage and
13 dollar change of the proposed increase over the past 4 years;

14 3. For the first full fiscal year of each proposed tax increase, an estimate of the
15 maximum dollar amount of each increase by the governmental unit and an estimate
16 of the maximum dollar amount of fiscal year spending by the governmental unit
17 without the increase; and

18 4. Two summaries, up to 500 words each, one for and one against the ballot
19 issue.

20 (f) The summaries under par. (e) 4. shall be prepared by a person designated
21 by the governing body of the governmental unit. The summaries under par. (e) 4.
22 may not mention the name of a person or group or an endorsement of, or a statement
23 or position against, the ballot issue.

1 (g) A ballot question shall begin "SHALL (GOVERNMENTAL UNIT) TAXES
2 BE INCREASED BY (first, or, if phased in, final, full fiscal year dollar increase)
3 ANNUALLY?".

4 (END)