



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

February 16, 2010 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, HOLPERIN, KREITLOW, MILLER and ROBSON, cosponsored by Representatives HEBL, PARISI, STASKUNAS, TOWNSEND, BERCEAU, SINICKI, BLACK, ROYS, JORGENSEN, A. WILLIAMS, SMITH, ZEPNICK and HRAYCHUCK. Referred to Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

1 **Relating to:** prohibiting partial vetoes of parts of bill sections (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2009 legislature on first consideration, amends the Wisconsin Constitution to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto power over an appropriations bill, from partially vetoing parts of bill sections of an enrolled bill without rejecting the entire bill section. Currently, in exercising the partial veto power, the governor is limited only insofar as that he or she may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the enrolled bill, and may not create a new sentence by combining parts of two or more sentences of the enrolled bill. The new restriction on the governor's partial veto power contained in this resolution subsumes and expands on the current restrictions in the constitution.

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

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

3 **SECTION 1.** Section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution is amended to read:

4 [Article V] Section 10 (1) (c) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the
5 governor may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of
6 the enrolled bill, and may not create a new sentence by combining parts of 2 or more

1 sentences reject a part of a bill section of the enrolled bill without rejecting the entire
2 bill section.

3 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
4 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3
5 months previous to the time of holding such election.

6 (END)