



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 86

December 30, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives HAHN, HUEBSCH, SCHAFER, KREIBICH, PORTER, DOBYNS, NASS, WASSERMAN and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators DARLING and ZIEN. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

1 **To create** section 26 (2) (c) of article IV and section 11 of article VIII of the
2 constitution; **relating to:** submittal of a state budget bill or bills and a decrease
3 in the salaries of members of the legislature upon failure to pass the bill or bills
4 by a specified date (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 1997 legislature on first consideration, requires the governor to submit a budget bill or bills providing appropriations for the operation of state government no later than a date fixed by law or resolution of the legislature. The proposal also provides that, if one or more budget bills providing such appropriations have not been passed in response to the bill or bills submitted by the governor by both houses of the legislature, in identical form, by August 1 of any odd-numbered year, the salary of each member of the legislature shall be decreased by the pro rata portion of the annual salary of that member attributable to each calendar day for each such day after August 1 on which the bill or bills have not been passed. Currently, there are no such requirements or limitations.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

5 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**
6 **SECTION 1.** Section 26 (2) (c) of article IV of the constitution is created to read:
7 [Article IV] Section 26 (2) (c) If one or more budget bills providing
8 appropriations for the operation of state government have not been passed by both

1 houses of the legislature, in identical form, by August 1 of any odd-numbered year,
2 the salary of each member of the legislature shall be diminished by the pro rata
3 portion of the annual salary of that member attributable to each calendar day for
4 each such day after August 1 on which the bill or bills have not been passed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Section 11 of article VIII of the constitution is created to read:

6 [Article VIII] Section 11. In each odd-numbered year, no later than a date fixed
7 by law or resolution of the legislature, the governor shall submit to the legislature
8 one or more budget bills providing appropriations for the operation of state
9 government.

10 **SECTION 3. Numbering of new provisions.** (1) The new subsection (2) (c)
11 of section 26 of article IV of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be
12 designated by the next higher open whole paragraph letter in that subsection in that
13 article if, before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint
14 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (2) (c) of section
15 26 of article IV of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create
16 a subsection (2) (c) of section 26 of article IV simultaneously with the ratification by
17 the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the paragraphs
18 created shall be lettered and placed in a sequence so that the paragraphs created by
19 the joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the
20 letters designated in that joint resolution and the paragraphs created by the other
21 joint resolutions have letters that are in the same ascending order as are the
22 numbers of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the paragraphs.

23 (2) The new of section 11 of article VIII of the constitution created in this joint
24 resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole section number in that
25 article if, before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint

1 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a section 11 of article VIII of
2 the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a section 11 of
3 article VIII simultaneously with the ratification by the people of the amendment
4 proposed in this joint resolution, the sections created shall be numbered and placed
5 in a sequence so that the sections created by the joint resolution having the lowest
6 enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers designated in that joint
7 resolution and the sections created by the other joint resolutions have numbers that
8 are in the same ascending order as are the numbers of the enrolled joint resolutions
9 creating the sections.

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

13 (END)