

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15**

March 11, 2003 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, CORRECTIONS AND PRIVACY.

1     ***To amend*** section 8 of article VIII; and ***to create*** section 8 (3) of article VIII of the  
2           constitution; **relating to:** the vote on bills that would increase certain tax  
3           revenues (first consideration).

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

5           **SECTION 1.** Section 8 of article VIII of the constitution is amended to read:

6           [Article VIII] Section 8 (1) On the passage in either house of the legislature of  
7           any law ~~which~~ that imposes, continues or renews a tax, or provides by law for a net  
8           increase in revenues from state sales taxes, income taxes, and franchise taxes, or  
9           creates a debt or charge, or makes, continues or renews an appropriation of public  
10          or trust money, or releases, discharges or commutes a claim or demand of the state,  
11          the ~~question~~ vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, ~~which shall be duly~~ ayes and noes,  
12          and the names of the members voting for, and the names of the members voting  
13          against, passage of the bill shall be entered on the journal; ~~and.~~

1            (2) For any vote under sub. (1), three-fifths of all the members elected to such  
2 the current membership of each house shall in all such cases be required to constitute  
3 a quorum therein.

4            **SECTION 2.** Section 8 (3) of article VIII of the constitution is created to read:

5            [Article VIII] Section 8 (3) The passage in either house of the legislature of any  
6 law to provide by law for a net increase in revenues from state sales taxes, income  
7 taxes, and franchise taxes requires the approval of two-thirds of the members  
8 present.

9            **SECTION 3. Numbering of new provision.** The new subsection (3) of section

10 8 of article VIII of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated  
11 by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if,  
12 before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint  
13 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (3) of section 8 of  
14 article VIII of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create  
15 a subsection (3) of section 8 of article VIII simultaneously with the ratification by the  
16 people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections created  
17 shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created by the  
18 joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers  
19 designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other joint  
20 resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the numbers  
21 of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

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

25            (END)