2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

August 8, 2019 - Introduced by Senators CRAIG, STROEBEL, DARLING, LEMAHIEU, TIFFANY, FITZGERALD, FEYEN, NASS, KOYENGA, KAPENGA, WANGGAARD, JACQUE and BERNIER, cosponsored by Representatives KUGLITSCH, SANFELIPPO, AUGUST, SKOWRONSKI, GUNDRUM, QUINN, KATSMA, KNODL, BROOKS, DUCHOW, RARTHUN, VORPAGEL, KRUG, BRANDTJEN, JAMES, SORTWELL, ALLEN, TAUCHE, THIESFELDT and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Financial Services, Government Oversight and Courts.

1 To create section 10 (1) (d) of article V of the constitution; relating to: prohibiting the governor from using the partial veto to increase state expenditures (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2019 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 increasing state expenditures for any purpose over that provided in the enrolled bill. 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.

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

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 10 (1) (d) of article V of the constitution is created to read:
[Article V] Section 10 (1) (d) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the
governor may not increase state expenditures for any purpose over that provided in
the enrolled bill.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provisions. If another constitutional
amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this
joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the
sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

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

(END)