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**2021 Senate Joint
Resolution 84**

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 2**

2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 84

2021 Senate Joint Resolution 84 proposes an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution, on first consideration, relating to the expenditure of funds received by the state from the federal government. Specifically, the proposed amendment does both of the following:

- Prohibits the Legislature from delegating its sole power to determine how moneys shall be expended.
- Requires executive branch departments and officers to obtain approval from a joint committee of the Legislature before making an initial allocation of federal funds.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 modifies the proposed constitutional amendment as follows:

- Prohibits the Legislature from delegating its power to **appropriate** money, rather than **expend** money.
- Prohibits the **Governor**, rather than executive branch departments and officers, from allocating any federal funds without legislative approval.
- Requires that the legislative approval be given in the form of a **joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule**, rather than by a vote of a joint committee.

HISTORY

Representative Wittke offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 on February 15, 2022. On February 16, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Constitution and Ethics voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3. On February 23, 2022, the Assembly adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 by a voice vote and concurred in Senate Joint Resolution 84, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 60; Noes, 36; Paired, 2.

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