



## 1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 41

May 16, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives LADWIG, GROTHMAN, HUEBSCH, DOBYNS, WALKER, HAHN, GREEN, FREESE, HARS DORF, AINSWORTH, OLSEN, DUFF, HOVEN, ZIEGELBAUER, NASS, PORTER, SKINDRUD, OWENS, KREIBICH and LAZICH, cosponsored by Senators PETAK, A. LASEE and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

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 certain bills that would increase taxes  
3           (first consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 1995 legislature on first consideration, requires a two-thirds vote in each house of the legislature to pass a bill to create a new tax or to broaden the base or increase the rate of an existing tax.

As a constitutional amendment, the proposal requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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### ***Resolved by the assembly, the Senate 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, broadens the base or  
8       increases the rate of an existing tax, or creates a debt or charge, or makes, continues  
9       or renews an appropriation of public or trust money, or releases, discharges or  
10       commutes a claim or demand of the state, the question vote shall be taken by yeas  
11       and nays, which shall be duly ayes and noes, and the names of the members voting  
12       for or against passage of the bill shall be entered on the journal; and.

