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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 6

Assembly Amendment 1 to Senate Amendment 1

Current statutes authorize the Governor to accept federal moneys on behalf of the state and to stipulate conditions on the acceptance of funds as necessary to safeguard the interests of the state. Generally, the Governor must designate a state agency to receive such funds, and the statutes require that agency to administer the funds pursuant to federal law. However, the Joint Committee on Finance must approve any transfer or expenditure of funds received under a block grant, as specified in the statutes.

ENGROSSED JOINT RESOLUTION (AS INITIALLY AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY)

2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 6 (AJR 6) proposes that an amendment to the State Constitution be submitted to a vote of the people, in two questions, as follows:

- Shall Article IV, Section 35 (1) of the Wisconsin Constitution be created to provide that the Legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?
- Shall Article IV, Section 35 (2) of the Wisconsin Constitution be created to prohibit the Governor from allocating any federal moneys the Governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the Legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?

The proposed constitutional amendment was first considered by the Legislature in 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 84, which became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 14. On second consideration, the joint resolution must establish the date this will go to the voters.

Engrossed AJR 6, as initially amended and adopted by the Assembly, specifies that the proposed amendment must be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2024.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO THE ENGROSSED JOINT RESOLUTION

Senate Amendment 1 (SA 1) to engrossed AJR 6 provides that, instead of the first Tuesday of April 2024, the proposed amendment must be submitted to a vote of the people at the election on the first Tuesday of November 2024.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 (AA 1) to SA 1 provides that, instead of the first Tuesday of November 2024, the proposed amendment must be submitted to a vote of the people at the election on the second Tuesday of August 2024.

BILL HISTORY

On February 6, 2023, Representative Wittke introduced AJR 6. On March 30, 2023, the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means recommended adoption of AJR 6 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 4. On September 6, 2023, Representative Wittke offered AA 1 to AJR 6. On September 12, 2023, the Assembly adopted AA 1, on a voice vote, and passed AJR 6, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 63; Noes, 35. On January 31, 2024, Senator Marklein offered SA 1. On February 5, 2024, the Senate Committee on Universities and Revenue recommended adoption of SA 1, and concurrence in AJR 6, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3. On February 13, 2024, the Senate adopted SA 1, on a voice vote, and concurred in AJR 6, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 22; Noes, 10. On February 22, 2024, Representative August offered AA 1 to SA 1, and the Assembly adopted AA 1 to SA 1, on a voice vote, and concurred in SA 1 to AJR 6, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 61; Noes, 35.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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