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## DIGEST

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HB 48 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits consideration of a conference committee report or amendments from the Senate on an appropriations bill until at least 48 hours after the bill, a summary detailing the proposed changes to the bill, and any additional information required by the rules have been distributed to the members of the house considering concurrence.

Present constitution (Art. III, §15) requires bills to be read by title on three separate days in each house and prohibits a bill from being considered for final passage unless a committee has held a public hearing and reported on the bill. Further provides that no amendment to a bill by one house shall be concurred in by the other and no conference committee report shall be concurred in by either house except by the same vote required for final passage of the bill. Relative to appropriations bills, present constitution (Art. III, §16) further requires that all such bills originate in the House of Representatives, but allows the Senate to propose or concur in amendments.

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits consideration of concurrence in a conference committee report or amendments from the Senate on an appropriations bill until at least 48-hours after the bill, a summary detailing the proposed changes to the bill, and any additional information required by the joint rules of the legislature and the rules of the house of the legislature considering concurrence have been distributed to each member of that house of the legislature.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 5, 2024.

(Adds Const. Art. III, §16(F))