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**Abstract:** Removes the governor's authority to veto line items in an appropriation bill.

Present constitution provides that the governor may veto any line item in an appropriation bill. Present constitution provides that any item vetoed is void unless the veto is overridden as prescribed for the passage of a bill over a veto. Requires the governor to veto line items or use means provided in the bill so that total appropriations for the year shall not exceed anticipated revenues for that year. (Note: Separate constitutional provisions (Art. X, §§13 and 51) protect amounts appropriated to State Civil Service, the Dept. of State Civil Service, and State Police Service from veto.)

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Repeals Const. Art. IV, §5(G))