

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12—ASSEMBLYMEN BLACK,
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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to prohibit a vote on a bill or joint resolution until it has been made available to the public for a certain period. (BDR C-595)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to prohibit a vote on a bill or joint resolution until it has been made available to the public for a certain period.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The Nevada Constitution imposes various procedural requirements relating to
2 the passage of bills and joint resolutions by the Legislature. (*See, e.g., Nev. Const.*
3 *Art. 4, § 18, Art. 11, § 6*) This resolution proposes to amend the Nevada
4 Constitution to prohibit a vote on a bill or joint resolution until after the bill or joint
5 resolution has been made available to the public for at least 48 hours after its first
6 reading in the House of its origin.

1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
2 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 18 of Article 4 of the Nevada
3 Constitution be amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 18. 1. *No vote may be taken on a bill or joint*
5 *resolution until the bill or joint resolution has been made*
6 *available to the public for at least 48 hours after its first*
7 *reading in the House of its origin.*

8 2. Every bill, except a bill placed on a consent calendar
9 adopted as provided in subsection ~~4,~~ 5, must be read by
10 sections on three several days, in each House, unless in case
11 of emergency, two thirds of the House where such bill is



1 pending shall deem it expedient to dispense with this rule.
2 The reading of a bill by sections, on its final passage, shall in
3 no case be dispensed with, and the vote on the final passage
4 of every bill or joint resolution shall be taken by yeas and
5 nays to be entered on the journals of each House. Except as
6 otherwise provided in subsection ~~[2-]~~ 3, a majority of all the
7 members elected to each House is necessary to pass every bill
8 or joint resolution, and all bills or joint resolutions so passed,
9 shall be signed by the presiding officers of the respective
10 Houses and by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the
11 Assembly.

12 ~~[2-]~~ 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[3-]~~
13 4, an affirmative vote of not fewer than two-thirds of the
14 members elected to each House is necessary to pass a bill or
15 joint resolution which creates, generates, or increases any
16 public revenue in any form, including but not limited to taxes,
17 fees, assessments and rates, or changes in the computation
18 bases for taxes, fees, assessments and rates.

19 ~~[3-]~~ 4. A majority of all of the members elected to each
20 House may refer any measure which creates, generates, or
21 increases any revenue in any form to the people of the State at
22 the next general election, and shall become effective and
23 enforced only if it has been approved by a majority of the
24 votes cast on the measure at such election.

25 ~~[4-]~~ 5. Each House may provide by rule for the creation
26 of a consent calendar and establish the procedure for the
27 passage of uncontested bills.

28 And be it further

29 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
30 passage.

