

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article II, Section 24, of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to appropriations.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that Article II, Section 24, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the second paragraph and by substituting instead the following:

In no year shall the rate of growth of appropriations from state tax revenues exceed the estimated rate of growth of the state's economy as determined by law. No appropriation in excess of this limitation shall be made unless the General Assembly shall, by law containing no other subject matter, set forth the dollar amount and the rate by which the limit will be exceeded. Passage of any law setting forth such dollar amount and rate shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the house of representatives and the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly, and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee by means of posting this resolution on the official web site of the secretary of state and on the official web site of the general assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state and to the director of the office of legislative information services.