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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74

December 3, 2015 - Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, C. LARSON and ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representatives DOYLE, SHANKLAND, BARCA, WACHS, MILROY, KAHL, JORGENSEN, KOLSTE, HEBL, KESSLER, MASON, C. TAYLOR, GOYKE, SUBECK, OHNSTAD, BROSTOFF, SINICKI, SPREITZER, BILLINGS, CONSIDINE, JOHNSON and RIEMER. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **To create** section 12m of article IV of the constitution; **relating to:** prohibiting
2 official action on proposals that financially benefit a legislator's campaign
3 organization (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2015 legislature on first consideration, prohibits a legislator from taking any official action with respect to any proposal to modify a state law or rule that would result in a substantial financial benefit to a political campaign organization of the legislator during the biennial session in which the legislature considers the proposal.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

4 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**
5 **SECTION 1.** Section 12m of article IV of the constitution is created to read:
6 [Article IV] Section 12m. A member of the legislature may not take any official
7 action with respect to any proposal to modify a state law or rule that would result in
8 a substantial financial benefit to a political campaign organization of the member
9 during the biennial session in which the legislature considers the proposal.

1 **SECTION 2. Numbering of new provisions.** If another constitutional
2 amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this
3 joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the
4 sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

5 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
6 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three
7 months previous to the time of holding such election.

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(END)