

CACR 6 – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

2011 SESSION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **6**

RELATING TO: taxation.

PROVIDING THAT: no budget bill containing an increase over the budget of the previous biennium greater than the rate of inflation shall become law without 3/5 approval of each house of the legislature.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ulery, Hills 27; Rep. Renzullo, Hills 27

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that no budget bill containing an increase over the budget of the previous biennium greater than the rate of inflation shall become law without 3/5 approval of each house of the legislature and that the legislature shall establish the measure used to determine the rate of inflation.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the

Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 18-a the following new article:

[Art.] 18-b. [Increase in Spending.] No budget bill containing an increase over the budget of the previous biennium greater than the rate of inflation shall become law without 3/5 approval of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall by majority vote establish the measure used to determine the rate of inflation under this article at its next session after the approval of this article by the voters of the state. Any subsequent change in the measure of the rate of inflation shall require 3/5 approval of each house of the legislature.

II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November 2012.

III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards, and places in the state are directed to insert in their warrants for the said 2012 election an article to the following effect: To decide whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2011 session of the general court shall be approved.

IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

“Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 18-a a new article to read as follows:

[Art.] 18-b. [Increase in Spending.] No budget bill containing an increase over the budget of the previous biennium greater than the rate of inflation shall become law without 3/5 approval of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall by majority vote establish the measure used to determine the rate of inflation under

this article at its next session after the approval of this article by the voters of the state. Any subsequent change in the measure of the rate of inflation shall require 3/5 approval of each house of the legislature.”

V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by the 2011 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.