



General Assembly

**Senate Joint  
Resolution No. 18**

January Session, 2015

LCO No. 5542



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:  
(FIN)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE TO REQUIRE A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FUND STATE OPERATING EXPENSES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY FUNDED BY APPROPRIATION OR REVENUE DIVERSION.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That the following be proposed as an amendment to the  
2 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the  
3 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and  
4 purposes, become a part thereof:

5 Article third of the Constitution is amended by adding section 19 as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 19. The general assembly shall not authorize the issuance of  
8 bonds for any expenditure that was funded by an appropriation or  
9 revenue diversion in the budget for the prior biennium unless at least  
10 three-fifths of the members of each house of the general assembly vote  
11 to approve such authorization.

12       RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
13 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
14 elected at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, and  
15 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
16 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016,  
17 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the  
18 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed  
19 amendment to be used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the  
20 Constitution of the State be amended to require a three-fifths vote of  
21 the General Assembly to authorize the issuance of bonds for state  
22 budget operating expenses that were previously funded by  
23 appropriation or revenue diversion?"

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