



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: House Joint Resolution No. 301    File No.                      Cal. No.

**"RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE  
DECEMBER SPECIAL SESSION, 2015."**

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- 1        In line 1, insert "Section 1." before "That"
  - 2        After the last section, add the following:
  - 3        "Sec. 2. That Senate Joint Resolution 1 of the 2015 regular session is
  - 4        amended by adding Rules 36 and 37 as follows:
  - 5        "(NEW) 36. (a) There is established the Bi-partisan Commission on
  - 6        the Constitutional Spending Cap. The commission shall define
  - 7        "increase in personal income", "increase in inflation" and "general
  - 8        budget expenditures" for purposes of the general budget expenditures
  - 9        requirement pursuant to section 18 of article third of the Constitution
  - 10       of the state.

- 11 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:
- 12 (1) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or the speaker's  
13 designee;
- 14 (2) The president pro tempore of the Senate, or the president pro  
15 tempore's designee;
- 16 (3) The majority leader of the House of Representatives, or the  
17 majority leader's designee;
- 18 (4) The majority leader of the Senate, or the majority leader's  
19 designee;
- 20 (5) The minority leader of the House of Representatives, or the  
21 minority leader's designee;
- 22 (6) One person appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
23 Representatives;
- 24 (7) The minority leader of the Senate, or the minority leader's  
25 designee; and
- 26 (8) One person appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- 27 (c) Any member of the commission designated or appointed under  
28 subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General  
29 Assembly.
- 30 (d) All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than  
31 December 15, 2015. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing  
32 authority.
- 33 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the minority  
34 leader of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the commission  
35 from among the members of the commission. Such chairpersons shall  
36 schedule the first meeting of the commission, which shall be held not  
37 later than January 1, 2016.

38 (f) Not later than February 1, 2016, the commission shall submit the  
39 definitions to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
40 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
41 budgets of state agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section  
42 11-4a of the general statutes. Not later than February 15, 2016, such  
43 joint standing committee shall hold a public informational hearing on  
44 the definitions. Such joint standing committee may make  
45 recommendations for legislation relating to the definitions.

46 (g) Not later than March 1, 2016, the General Assembly shall enact  
47 into law, by vote of at least three-fifths of the members of each  
48 chamber, legislation amending the general statutes to define "increase  
49 in personal income", "increase in inflation" and "general budget  
50 expenditures" as prescribed by the commission pursuant to this rule.

51 (NEW) 37. On and after March 1, 2016, the General Assembly shall  
52 enact no legislation or adopt any resolutions during the remainder of  
53 the 2016 session unless legislation has been enacted into law, by vote of  
54 at least three-fifths of the members of each chamber, amending the  
55 general statutes to define "increase in personal income", "increase in  
56 inflation" and "general budget expenditures" as prescribed by the Bi-  
57 partisan Commission on the Constitutional Spending Cap, established  
58 pursuant to Rule 36."