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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 558

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*Proposing an amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Virginia by adding a section numbered 7-B, relating to biennial appropriations.*

Patrons—Marshall, R.G. and Cole

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend Article X of the Constitution of Virginia by adding a section numbered 7-B as follows:

ARTICLE X

TAXATION AND FINANCE

*Section 7-B. Biennial appropriations.*

*The provisions of this section shall be applicable in the event that (i) the General Assembly fails to appropriate funds for the operations of government for the ensuing biennium during a regular or special session in any even-numbered year before May 1 of such year or (ii) the Governor vetoes such appropriations in their entirety and the General Assembly fails to override the Governor's veto before May 1 of such year.*

*In either such event, the biennial appropriations act in effect for the second year of the biennium on the first day of the regular session held in the even-numbered year shall continue in effect for the next fiscal year beginning July 1 of that even-numbered year and, if not superseded by a general appropriation act enacted at the ensuing regular session, for the following year.*

*Any increase or decrease in revenues to fund appropriations for the continuing fiscal year shall be allocated to appropriation items proportionally.*

*The General Assembly may amend the biennial appropriation act that is continued in effect under the provisions of this section at a special session held between May 1 and the next regular session of the General Assembly by a two-thirds or greater vote of the members present in each house, which two-thirds shall include a majority of the members elected to the house. The name of each member voting and how he voted shall be recorded in the journal of the house.*

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