CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

Ballot Title: Mandatory Consideration of Legislative Bills

Ballot Summary: Requires all properly filed legislative bills originating in either house to be voted on by both houses before the end of the regular session during which bills are filed or the session shall be extended until such time that bills are voted on by both houses.

Article and Section Being Created or Amended: Amends Article III, Section 7

Full Text of the Proposed Amendment: SECTION 7. Passage of bills.-

(a) Any bill may originate in either house and after passage in one may be amended in the other. It shall be read in each house on three separate days, unless this rule is waived by two-thirds vote; provided the publication of its title in the journal of a house shall satisfy the requirement for the first reading in that house. On each reading, it shall be read by title only, unless one-third of its members present desire it read in full. On final passage, the vote of each member voting shall be entered on the journal. Passage of a bill shall require a majority vote in each house.

(b) Any properly filed legislative bill originating in either house shall be voted on by both houses before the end of the regular session during which the bill was filed.

(c) Unless a properly filed bill is voted on by both houses before end of regular session during which bill was filed, the session shall be extended until such time that bill is voted on by both houses.

(d) Each bill and joint resolution passed in both houses shall be signed by the presiding officers of the respective houses and the secretary of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives during the session or as soon as practicable after its adjournment sine die.

(e) This amendment shall take effect one year from the date it is voted into law.

Initiative Information