

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9—ASSEMBLYMEN BLACK,  
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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution relating  
to appropriations for the operation of the Executive  
Department of the State Government. (BDR C-592)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the  
Nevada Constitution relating to appropriations for the  
operation of the Executive Department of the State  
Government.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 With one exception, the Nevada Constitution requires the affirmative vote of  
2 not less than two-thirds of the members elected to each House of the Legislature to  
3 pass a bill or joint resolution which creates, generates or increases any public  
4 revenue. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, § 18) This joint resolution proposes to amend the  
5 Nevada Constitution to also require the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds  
6 of the members elected to each House of the Legislature to pass a bill which  
7 appropriates money for expenditure for the operation of the Executive Department  
8 of the State Government in an amount that results in appropriations for the  
9 operation of the Executive Department for a biennium that exceed the  
10 appropriations for the operation of the Executive Department for the immediately  
11 preceding biennium, as adjusted for any cumulative changes in population and  
12 inflation during the immediately preceding biennium.

1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
2 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 18 of Article 4 of the Nevada  
3 Constitution be amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 18. 1. Every bill, except a bill placed on a  
5 consent calendar adopted as provided in subsection 4, must be  
6 read by sections on three several days, in each House, unless



in case of emergency, two thirds of the House where such bill is pending shall deem it expedient to dispense with this rule. The reading of a bill by sections, on its final passage, shall in no case be dispensed with, and the vote on the final passage of every bill or joint resolution shall be taken by yeas and nays to be entered on the journals of each House. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a majority of all the members elected to each House is necessary to pass every bill or joint resolution, and all bills or joint resolutions so passed, shall be signed by the presiding officers of the respective Houses and by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the Assembly.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an affirmative vote of not fewer than two-thirds of the members elected to each House is necessary to pass ~~it~~ :

(a) A bill or joint resolution which creates, generates, or increases any public revenue in any form, including but not limited to taxes, fees, assessments and rates, or changes in the computation bases for taxes, fees, assessments and rates.

(b) *A bill which appropriates money for expenditure for the operation of the Executive Department in an amount that results in appropriations for the operation of the Executive Department for a biennium that exceed the appropriations for the operation of the Executive Department for the immediately preceding biennium, as adjusted for any cumulative changes in population and inflation during the immediately preceding biennium.*

3. A majority of all of the members elected to each House may refer any measure which creates, generates, or increases any revenue in any form to the people of the State at the next general election, and shall become effective and enforced only if it has been approved by a majority of the votes cast on the measure at such election.

4. Each House may provide by rule for the creation of a consent calendar and establish the procedure for the passage of uncontested bills.

5. *As used in this section, "biennium" means a period of two fiscal years beginning on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and ending on June 30 of the next ensuing odd-numbered year.*

And be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

