



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 129

April 20, 2010 – Introduced by Representative FRISKE. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security.

- 1 ***To consolidate and renumber*** section 23a of article IV; ***to amend*** section 10 (1)
2 (c) of article V; and ***to create*** section 23a (2) of article IV of the constitution;
3 **relating to:** partial vetoes by the governor and the county chief executive
4 officer.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The constitution prohibits the governor, when approving an appropriation bill in part, from creating a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the enrolled bill, and from creating a new sentence by combining parts of two or more sentences of the enrolled bill. The constitution does not restrict the county chief executive officer, when approving an appropriation in part, from creating a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the resolution or ordinance, nor does it prohibit creating a new sentence by combining parts of one or more sentences of a resolution or ordinance.

This constitutional amendment prohibits the county chief executive officer from creating a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the resolution or ordinance and from creating a new sentence by combining parts of one or more sentences of the resolution or ordinance. This amendment also prohibits the governor from creating a new sentence by combining parts of one or more sentences of an enrolled bill.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

1 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 23a of article IV of the constitution is renumbered section
3 23a (1) of article IV.

4 **SECTION 2.** Section 23a (2) of article IV of the constitution is created to read:
5 [Article IV] Section 23a (2) In approving an appropriation in part under sub.
6 (1), the chief executive officer may not create a new word by rejecting individual
7 letters in the words of the resolution or ordinance and may not create a new sentence
8 by combining parts of one or more sentences of the resolution or ordinance.

9 **SECTION 3.** Section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution is amended to read:
10 [Article V] Section 10 (1) (c) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the
11 governor may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of
12 the enrolled bill, and may not create a new sentence by combining parts of ~~2~~ one or
13 more sentences of the enrolled bill.

14 **SECTION 4. Numbering of new provision.** The new subsection (2) of section
15 23a of article IV of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated
16 by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if,
17 before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint
18 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (2) of section 23a
19 of article IV of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create
20 a subsection (2) of section 23a of article IV simultaneously with the ratification by
21 the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections
22 created shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created
23 by the joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the

1 numbers designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other
2 joint resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the
3 numbers of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

4 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
5 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3
6 months previous to the time of holding such election.

7 (END)