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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **15**

RELATING TO: taxation.

PROVIDING THAT: a 2/3 vote is required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds and providing that the general court shall appropriate funds for payment of interest and installments of principle of all state bonds.

SPONSORS: Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Packard, Rock. 16; Rep. S. Smith, Sull. 3; Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. Doucette, Rock. 25; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Janigian, Rock. 25

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that a 2/3 vote of the house of representatives and the senate shall be required to pass a new tax or license fee or to increase any tax or license fee that has been levied, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 5-b the
2 following new articles:

3 [Art.] 5-c. [Increase in Rate of Taxation.] A 2/3 vote of the members present and voting in the
4 house of representatives and the senate shall be required to pass a new tax or license fee or to
5 increase a tax or license fee that has been levied by the state, or to authorize the issuance of state
6 bonds.

7 [Art.] 5-d. [Appropriation for Payment of Interest and Installments of Principal on Bonded
8 Debt.] The general court shall provide by appropriation for the payment of interest upon and
9 installments of principal of all bonded debt created on behalf of the State as the same shall become
10 due and payable. If at anytime the general court shall fail to make any such appropriation, the
11 treasurer of the State shall set apart from the first general fund revenues thereafter received a sum
12 sufficient to pay such interest or installments of principal and shall so apply the money thus set
13 apart.

14 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
15 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2024.

16 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
17 insert in their warrants for the said 2024 election an article to the following effect: To decide
18 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2024 session of the general court shall
19 be approved.

20 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:
21 “Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 5-b new
22 articles to read as follows:

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7 apart.”

8 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
9 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
10 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no oval is marked, the
11 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
12 official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
13 the 2024 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

14 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
15 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

16 VII. Voters' Guide.

17 AT THE PRESENT TIME, a majority vote of the house of representatives and the
18 senate is required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to authorize
19 the issuance of state bonds, and the general court is not required to appropriate funds for payment of
20 interest and installments from the general fund as they become due and payable.

21 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, a 2/3 vote of the house of representatives and
22 the senate will be required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to
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24 payment of interest and installments from the general fund as they become due and payable.