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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend subsections (a) and (c) of Section 7 of Article II and to add a new subsection (d) to Section 7 of Article II, relative to action on legislation by the Governor, and to prohibit certain types of bills during the period of a lame-duck legislature.

THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ADOPTS AND PROPOSES FOR RATIFICATION THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

1 I. Section 7(a) of Article II is amended to read:

2 "a) Every bill enacted shall be signed by the  
3 presiding officer of the house in which the bill  
4 originated and transmitted to the governor. If the  
5 governor signs the bill, it shall become law. If the  
6 governor vetoes the bill, it shall be returned to the  
7 presiding officer of each house of the legislature with  
8 a statement of the reasons for the veto. The governor  
9 may veto an item, section, or part in an appropriation  
10 bill and sign the remainder of the bill; provided that  
11 the governor may not veto an item, section, or part  
12 governing the manner in which an appropriation may be  
13 expended if any appropriation affected by the item,  
14 section, or part is approved."

15 II. Section 7(c) of Article II is amended to read:

16 "c) A bill or an item, section, or part of  
17 a bill vetoed by the governor may be reconsidered by  
18 the legislature. If two-thirds of the members in  
19 each house vote upon reconsideration to pass the bill,  
20 item, section, or part, it shall become law."

21 III. Section 7 is amended to add a new subsection (d) to  
22 read:

23 "d) Any appropriation bill, or any bill affecting  
24 spending authority, government financial management, or  
25 organization of the government, enacted in the period

1           between a regular general election and the second  
2           Monday of January of the following year shall be void  
3           unless enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths  
4           of the members of each house of the legislature."  
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