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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
2 MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 69A TO
3 REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A BALANCED BUDGET OF THE ENTIRE
4 EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES OF THE STATE FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
7 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi
8 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the
9 state:

10 Amend Article 4, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, by adding
11 a new Section 69A, to read as follows:

12 "Section 69A. (1) The Legislature shall enact a balanced
13 budget of the entire expenditures and revenues of the state for
14 each fiscal year that meets the requirements of this section.

15 (2) The total sum of all appropriations by the Legislature
16 for any fiscal year shall not exceed the estimate of the total
17 amount of all estimated revenues that will be available for
18 expenditure during that fiscal year.



19 (3) The total sum of all appropriations by the Legislature
20 from the State General Fund for any fiscal year shall not exceed
21 the estimate of the total amount of state general funds that will
22 be available for expenditure for that fiscal year.

23 (4) The provisions of this section shall not apply when the
24 Legislature, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the elected members
25 of each house, adopts a joint resolution finding that it is
26 necessary to waive the provisions of this section in order to
27 respond to a:

28 (a) State of war emergency, in which the State of
29 Mississippi or the United States of America is attacked by an
30 enemy or other hostile force in any manner, including, but not
31 limited to, military aggression, sabotage, terrorism or
32 technological attack against the cybersecurity or financial
33 infrastructure of the United States, or upon receipt by the state
34 of a warning indicating that such an attack or threat is probable
35 or imminent, or in which there exists, or there is a threat of,
36 civil unrest or an insurrection challenging the authority of the
37 government of the state or nation.

38 (b) State of natural disaster emergency, in which
39 conditions of disaster or peril to the safety of persons or
40 property exist within the state, having been caused by air or
41 water pollution, fire, flood, storm, earthquake, hurricane,
42 infectious disease or other epidemic, pestilence, resource
43 shortages, or other natural or man-made conditions that, by



44 reasons of their magnitude, require that the provisions of this
45 section be waived.

46 (c) State of national economic emergency, in which
47 conditions exist within or affecting the economy of the United
48 States of America that, by reasons of their magnitude, require
49 that the provisions of this section be waived.

50 (5) The Legislature, by general law, shall enact legislation
51 to implement the provisions of this section."

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
53 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
54 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
55 of November 2015, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
56 and by general law.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
58 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
59 constitutional amendment requires the Legislature to enact a
60 balanced budget of the entire expenditures and revenues of the
61 state for each fiscal year."

