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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET)

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, and Lyle

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general
2 assembly voting therefore, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed
3 to the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the
4 Constitution, for their approval and the following section is hereby amended, effective on January
5 1, 2013, to read as follows:

6 ARTICLE IX

7 OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER

8 Section 15. State budget. -- The governor shall prepare and present to the general
9 assembly [on or before April 1 in the year 2021 and in each odd-numbered year thereafter,](#) ~~an~~
10 ~~annual,~~ [a biennial](#) consolidated operating and capital improvement state budget, [which the general](#)
11 [assembly shall consider and, subject to amendment, enact on or before June 30 of each such odd-](#)
12 [number year.](#)

13 RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors
14 for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the
15 several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for
16 general officers of the state; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to
18 be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said
19 meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices

1 to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward,
2 or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district meetings to
3 be held as aforesaid; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be
5 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and
6 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
7 ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This joint resolution would require the governor to prepare and present to the general
- 2 assembly a biennial consolidated operating and capital improvement state budget on or before
- 3 April 1 in odd-numbered years commencing in the year 2021.

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