

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 15, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
2 STATE OF IDAHO, RELATING TO THE MANNER OF PASSING BILLS; TO PROVIDE THAT  
3 NO BILL THAT PROVIDES FOR A NET INCREASE IN REVENUE, WHETHER THROUGH  
4 FEES OR TAXES, SHALL BECOME LAW WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF TWO-THIRDS  
5 OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; STATING THE QUESTION TO  
6 BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO  
7 PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF  
8 STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.  
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10 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

11 SECTION 1. That Section 15, Article III, of the Constitution of the  
12 State of Idaho be amended to read as follows:

13 SECTION 15. MANNER OF PASSING BILLS. (1) No law shall be  
14 passed except by bill, nor shall any bill be put upon its final pas-  
15 sage until the same, with the amendments thereto, shall have been  
16 printed for the use of the members; nor shall any bill become a law  
17 unless the same shall have been read on three several days in each  
18 house previous to the final vote thereon: provided, in case of ur-  
19 gency, two-thirds of the house where such bill may be pending may,  
20 upon a vote of the yeas and nays, dispense with this provision. On  
21 the final passage of all bills, they shall be read at length, sec-  
22 tion by section, and the vote shall be by yeas and nays upon each  
23 bill separately, and shall be entered upon the journal, ~~and no.~~

24 (2) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a ma-  
25 ajority of the members present. No bill that provides for a net in-  
26 crease in revenue, whether through fees or taxes, shall become law  
27 without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of each house.

28 SECTION 2. The question to be submitted to the electors of the State of  
29 Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

30 "Shall Section 15, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of  
31 Idaho be amended to provide that no bill that provides for a net increase in  
32 revenue, whether through fees or taxes, shall become law without the concur-  
33 rence of two-thirds of the members of each house of the Legislature?"

34 SECTION 3. The Legislative Council is directed to prepare the state-  
35 ments required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same.

36 SECTION 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to publish this  
37 proposed constitutional amendment and arguments as required by law.