



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **To renumber** section 8 of article VIII; and **to create** section 8 (2) of article VIII and
2 section 8 (3) of article VIII of the constitution; **relating to:** requiring a
3 supermajority for passage of tax increase legislation (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2013 legislature on first consideration, prohibits either house of the legislature from passing a bill that increases the rate of the state sales tax or that increases any of the rates of the income tax or franchise tax unless the bill is approved by two-thirds of those members present and voting. The proposed amendment, however, specifies that this prohibition does not apply if the legislature passes a joint resolution requiring a statewide advisory referendum on the question of whether the legislature should authorize the tax increase provided in the bill and a majority of voters voting at the referendum vote to approve the tax increase.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

4 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 8 of article VIII of the constitution is renumbered section
6 8 (1) of article VIII.

7 **SECTION 2.** Section 8 (2) of article VIII of the constitution is created to read:

