



State of Wisconsin  
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## 2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1     **To create** section 10 (1) (d) of article V of the constitution; **relating to:** prohibiting  
2             the governor from using the partial veto to increase state expenditures (first  
3             consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2019 legislature on first consideration, amends the Wisconsin Constitution to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto power over an appropriations bill, from increasing state expenditures for any purpose over that provided in the enrolled bill. Currently, in exercising the partial veto power, the governor is limited only insofar as that he or she may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the enrolled bill, and may not create a new sentence by combining parts of two or more sentences of the enrolled bill.

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

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4             **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**  
5             **SECTION 1.** Section 10 (1) (d) of article V of the constitution is created to read:

1 [Article V] Section 10 (1) (d) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the  
2 governor may not increase state expenditures for any purpose over that provided in  
3 the enrolled bill.

4 **SECTION 2. Numbering of new provisions.** If another constitutional  
5 amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this  
6 joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the  
7 sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

8 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
9 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three  
10 months previous to the time of holding such election.

11 (END)