
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4—ASSEMBLYMEMBER KASAMA

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the legislative process.
(BDR C-22)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to prohibit appropriations to any political organization, to prohibit including an appropriation to a nonprofit organization in any bill that is required to fund a portion of the state budget for the next ensuing biennium and to authorize the Governor to veto appropriations in a bill.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The Nevada Constitution prohibits drawing money from the State Treasury unless
2 such money is drawn as a consequence of an appropriation made by law. (Nev. Const.
3 Art. 4, § 19) This resolution proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to prohibit
4 the Legislature from: (1) appropriating money to any political organization, including,
5 without limitation, a political party or a committee for political action; and (2)
6 including an appropriation to a nonprofit organization in any bill that is required to
7 fund a portion of the state budget for the next ensuing biennium.

8 Under the Nevada Constitution, the Governor is authorized to veto only an entire
9 bill passed by the Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, § 35) This resolution proposes to
10 amend the Nevada Constitution to provide the Governor with line-item veto power for
11 bills containing appropriations. Specifically, this resolution provides that if any bill
12 presented to the Governor contains one or more appropriations, the Governor may
13 strike from the bill any or all such appropriations without objecting to the bill as a
14 whole. If the Governor strikes out one or more appropriations, the Governor must,
15 within 48 hours after the bill is presented to the Governor: (1) attach to the bill a
16 statement of the appropriations stricken out and the reasons therefor; and (2) transmit
17 a copy of the statement to the House in which the bill originated or the Secretary of
18 State, depending on whether the Legislature has adjourned sine die. This resolution
19 also authorizes the Legislature to override the action to strike out one or more of the
20 appropriations.



1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
2 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 19 of Article 4 of the Nevada
3 Constitution be amended to read as follows:

4 ~~[Section]~~ *Sec. 19. 1. No money shall be drawn from*
5 *the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by*
6 *law.*

7 *2. No money shall be drawn from the treasury*
8 *pursuant to subsection 1 for the purpose of making by law*
9 *an appropriation to any political organization, including,*
10 *without limitation, a political party or a committee for*
11 *political action.*

12 *3. No appropriation made to a nonprofit organization*
13 *may be included in any bill that is required to fund a portion*
14 *of the state budget for the next ensuing biennium.*

15 *4. As used in this section, "biennium" means a period*
16 *of 2 fiscal years beginning on July 1 of an odd-numbered*
17 *year and ending on June 30 of the next ensuing odd-*
18 *numbered year.*

19 And be it further

20 RESOLVED, That Section 35 of Article 4 of the Nevada
21 Constitution be amended to read as follows;

22 ~~[See:]~~ *Sec. 35. 1. Every bill which may have passed the*
23 *Legislature, shall, before it becomes a law be presented to the*
24 *Governor. If he approve it, he shall sign it, but if not he shall*
25 *return it with his objections, to the House in which it*
26 *originated, which House shall cause such objections to be*
27 *entered upon its journal, and proceed to reconsider it; If after*
28 *such reconsideration it again pass both Houses by yeas and*
29 *nays, by a vote of two thirds of the members elected to each*
30 *House it shall become a law notwithstanding the Governors*
31 *objections. ~~[H]~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section,*
32 *if any bill shall not be returned within five days after it shall*
33 *have been presented to him (Sunday excepted) exclusive of*
34 *the day on which he received it, the same shall be a law, in*
35 *like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Legislature by*
36 *its final adjournment, prevent such return, in which case it*
37 *shall be a law, unless the Governor within ten days next after*
38 *the adjournment (Sundays excepted) shall file such bill with*
39 *his objections thereto, in the office of the Secretary of State,*
40 *who shall lay the same before the Legislature at its next*
41 *Session, in like manner as if it had been returned by the*
42 *Governor, and if the same shall receive the vote of two-thirds*
43 *of the members elected to each branch of the Legislature,*
44 *upon a vote taken by yeas and nays to be entered upon the*
45 *journals of each house, it shall become a law.*



1 2. *If any bill so presented to the Governor contains one*
2 *or more appropriations of money from the State Treasury,*
3 *the Governor may strike from the bill any or all of these*
4 *appropriations without objecting to the bill as a whole. If*
5 *the Governor strikes out one or more appropriations, the*
6 *Governor shall, within 48 hours after the bill is presented to*
7 *the Governor:*

8 (a) *Attach to the bill a statement of the appropriations*
9 *stricken out and the reasons for the striking out; and*

10 (b) *Transmit a copy of the statement to:*

11 (1) *If the Legislature has not adjourned sine die, the*
12 *House in which the bill originated; or*

13 (2) *If the Legislature has adjourned sine die, the*
14 *Secretary of State who shall lay the same before the*
15 *Legislature at its next Session.*

16 3. *Each appropriation not stricken out becomes law in*
17 *the same manner as a bill to which the Governor does not*
18 *object. If the Governor fails to transmit a copy of the*
19 *statement pursuant to subsection 2 within 48 hours after the*
20 *bill is presented to the Governor, each appropriation*
21 *stricken out likewise becomes law.*

22 4. *The Legislature may, by the same vote as for bills to*
23 *which the Governor objects, cause any one or more of the*
24 *individual appropriations stricken by the Governor to*
25 *become law, notwithstanding the Governor striking it out. If*
26 *the Legislature does not so act, any appropriation stricken*
27 *from the bill by the Governor shall be deemed not*
28 *appropriated.*

29 And be it further

30 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
31 passage.



