

CHAPTER 623

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

Proposing amendments to Section 8 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to the limit of tax or revenue.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 1983

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 1983

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendments to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby are, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia to be effective on and after July one, nineteen hundred eighty-six, namely:

Amend Section 8 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE X

TAXATION AND FINANCE

Section 8. Limit of tax or revenue.

No other or greater amount of tax or revenues shall, at any time, be levied than may be required for the necessary expenses of the government, or to pay the indebtedness of the Commonwealth.

In no biennium shall the rate of growth of appropriations from total State tax revenues exceed the estimated rate of growth of the State economy.

No appropriation in excess of the limit shall be made unless authorized by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly.

State tax revenues in excess of those necessary to meet such appropriations for a biennium shall be held in a separate fund. Such revenues shall be used in subsequent biennia for any one or more of the following purposes: (1) to reduce indebtedness of the Commonwealth as defined in Section 9 of this Article; (2) to provide appropriations for the expenses of the Commonwealth; or (3) to provide a tax refund or credit. Any amount appropriated to pay expenses of the Commonwealth in subsequent biennia shall be deemed subject to the limit on appropriations, whereas the amount used to reduce indebtedness or to provide a tax refund or credit shall not be deemed subject to the limitation on appropriations.

The General Assembly shall provide by general law for the implementation of this section and shall have the power to define any terms herein. Such general law shall be adopted and may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER 624

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to multiple offices in local government.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 1983

Agreed to by the Senate, February 17, 1983

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE VII

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Section 6. Multiple offices.—Unless two or more units exercise functions jointly as authorized in Sections 3 and 4, no person shall at the same time hold more than one office mentioned in this Article. No member of a governing body shall be eligible, during the term of office for which he was elected or appointed, to hold any office filled by the governing body by election or appointment, except that a member of a governing body may be named a member of such other boards, commissions, and bodies as may be permitted by general law and except that a member of a governing body may be elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of mayor or board chairman if permitted by general law or special act.

CHAPTER 625

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

Proposing amendments to Section 7 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to the collection and disposition of state revenues.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 1983

Agreed to by the Senate, February 10, 1983

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia to be effective on and after July one, nineteen hundred eighty-six, namely:

Amend Section 7 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE X

TAXATION AND FINANCE

Section 7. Collection and disposition of State revenues.—All taxes, licenses, and other revenues of the Commonwealth shall be collected by its proper officers and paid into the State treasury. No money shall be paid out of the State treasury except in pursuance of appropriations made by law; and no such appropriation shall be made which is payable more than two years and six months after the end of the session of the General Assembly at which the law is enacted authorizing the same.

Other than as may be provided for in the debt provisions of this Constitution, the Governor, subject to such criteria as may be established by the General Assembly, shall ensure that no expenses of the Commonwealth be incurred which exceed total revenues on hand and anticipated during a period not to exceed the two years and six months period established by this section of the Constitution.