

1 **ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.**

2 **§14. Governor's approval or disapproval of bills passed by**
3 **the Legislature.**

4 Subject to the provisions of section fifteen of this article,
5 every bill passed by the Legislature shall, before it becomes a
6 law, be presented to the Governor. If he or she approves, he or
7 she shall sign it, and thereupon it shall become a law; but if not,
8 he or she shall return it, with his or her objections, to the house
9 in which it originated, which house shall enter the objections at
10 large upon its journal, and may proceed to reconsider the returned
11 bill. Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-one, article
12 VI of this Constitution, any such bill may be reconsidered even if
13 the Legislature is at the time in extended session for the sole
14 purpose of considering the budget bill, as specified in said
15 section fifty-one. If after any such reconsideration, a majority
16 of the members elected to that house agree to pass the bill, it
17 shall be sent, together with the objections of the Governor to the
18 other house, by which it may likewise be reconsidered, and if
19 approved by a majority of the members elected to that house, it
20 shall become a law, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.
21 If upon any such reconsideration the bill is amended and reenacted,
22 then it shall be again sent to the Governor and he or she shall act
23 upon it as if it were before him or her for the first time. In all
24 cases, the vote of each house shall be determined by yeas and nays

1 to be entered on the journal.

2 Any bill which shall not be returned by the Governor within
3 five days, Sundays excepted, after it shall have been presented to
4 him or her shall be a law, in the same manner as if he or she had
5 signed it, unless the Legislature shall, by adjournment sine die,
6 prevent its return, in which case it shall be filed with his or her
7 objections in the office of the Secretary of State within fifteen
8 days, Sundays excepted, after such adjournment, or become a law.
9 Upon the approval of this amendment, there shall be a veto session
10 of the Legislature of no less than one day nor more than three
11 days, to commence no later than forty-five days after the end of
12 the regular session of the Legislature, in which the Legislature
13 may meet to reconsider or override the veto of any bill by the
14 Governor. The Legislature may provide by general law the manner of
15 procedure for a veto session.

16 *Resolved further,* That in accordance with the provisions of
17 article eleven, chapter three of the Code of West Virginia, 1931,
18 as amended, such proposed amendment is hereby numbered "Amendment
19 No. 1" and designated as the "Veto Session Amendment," and the
20 purpose of the proposed amendment is summarized as follows: "To
21 amend section fourteen, article VII of the State Constitution so as
22 to provide for a veto session of the Legislature in which to
23 consider bills vetoed by the Governor."

NOTE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an amendment to section fourteen, article VII of the West Virginia Constitution, relating to creating a veto session of the Legislature to consider bills vetoed by the Governor.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present Constitution, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.