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Senator Mesnard

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 5, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE STATE TO CONTRACT DEBT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives concurring:

3 1. Article IX, section 5, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to
4 be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
5 Governor:

6 5. Power of state to contract debts; purposes;
7 limit; restrictions; definition

8 Section 5. A. ~~The~~ THIS state may contract debts to
9 supply the casual deficits or failures in revenues, or to meet
10 expenses not otherwise provided for, ~~;~~ but the aggregate
11 amount of such debts, direct and contingent, whether
12 contracted by virtue of one or more laws, or at different
13 periods of time, shall never exceed the sum of ~~three hundred~~
14 ~~and fifty thousand dollars; and \$350,000.~~ The money arising
15 from the creation of such debts shall be applied to the
16 purpose for which it was obtained or to repay the debts so
17 contracted, ~~;~~ and to no other purpose.

18 B. In addition to the above limited power to contract
19 debts, ~~the~~ THIS state may borrow money to repel invasion,
20 suppress insurrection, ~~;~~ or defend ~~the~~ THIS state in time of
21 war, ~~;~~ but the money thus raised shall be applied exclusively
22 to the object for which the loan shall have been authorized or
23 to the repayment of the debt thereby created.

24 C. ~~No~~ Money shall NOT be paid out of the state
25 treasury, except in the manner provided by law.

26 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DEBT" MEANS THE
27 FOLLOWING OBLIGATIONS OF THIS STATE THAT ARE PAID WITH STATE
28 GENERAL FUND MONIES:

- 29 1. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.
- 30 2. LONG-TERM NOTES AND OBLIGATIONS.
- 31 3. CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS
32 PURSUANT TO ANY LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT.
- 33 4. REVENUE BONDS.
- 34 5. OBLIGATIONS OF THIS STATE IN ONE FISCAL YEAR THAT
35 ARE DEFERRED IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO ANOTHER FISCAL YEAR.

36 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
37 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
38 Constitution of Arizona.