

REFERENCE TITLE: **general appropriation bill; continuing appropriation**

State of Arizona
Senate
Fifty-sixth Legislature
First Regular Session
2023

SCR 1034

Introduced by
Senator Mesnard

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 2, SECTION 20, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO APPROPRIATION BILLS.

(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 IV, part 2, section 20, Constitution of Arizona, is
4 proposed to be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on
5 proclamation of the Governor:

6 20. Appropriation bills; continuing appropriation

7 Section 20. A. The general appropriation bill shall
8 embrace nothing but appropriations for the different
9 departments of ~~the~~ THIS state, for state institutions, for
10 public schools, and for interest on the public debt. All
11 other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each
12 embracing but one subject.

13 B. IF A NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINS AND NO GENERAL
14 APPROPRIATION BILL HAS BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW FOR THAT FISCAL
15 YEAR, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL IN EFFECT FOR THE
16 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR CONTINUES IN EFFECT AS IF
17 ENACTED INTO LAW FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR UNTIL A GENERAL
18 APPROPRIATION BILL HAS BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW FOR THAT FISCAL
19 YEAR, EXCEPT THAT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE OR
20 ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY MAY, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS
21 APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE, ADJUST THE AMOUNTS THAT WERE IN
22 EFFECT FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR TO ACCOUNT
23 FOR INFLATION AND ENROLLMENT GROWTH FOR PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED
24 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST
25 CONTAINMENT SYSTEM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY, OR
26 THEIR SUCCESSOR AGENCIES, IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR.

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