

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

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## **SCR 1020**

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 exception

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

14 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION,  
15 IF A NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINS AND NO GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL  
16 HAS BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL  
17 APPROPRIATION BILL IN EFFECT FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
18 FISCAL YEAR CONTINUES IN EFFECT AS IF ENACTED INTO LAW FOR THE  
19 NEW FISCAL YEAR UNTIL A GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL HAS BEEN  
20 SIGNED INTO LAW FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR, EXCEPT THAT THE JOINT  
21 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, BY A  
22 MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE, SHALL  
23 ADJUST THE AMOUNTS THAT WERE IN EFFECT FOR THE IMMEDIATELY  
24 PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR TO REMOVE ONETIME TRANSFERS AND  
25 EXPENDITURES, TO MAKE REQUIRED DEBT SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS AND TO  
26 ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION AND ENROLLMENT GROWTH FOR PROGRAMS  
27 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE ARIZONA  
28 HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
29 ECONOMIC SECURITY, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR AGENCIES, IN THE NEW  
30 FISCAL YEAR.

31 C. THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL IN EFFECT FOR THE  
32 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR DOES NOT CONTINUE IN EFFECT  
33 FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR IF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL IN  
34 EFFECT FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, AFTER BEING  
35 ADJUSTED AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, TOGETHER  
36 WITH ANY OTHER APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED BY LAW IN THE NEW  
37 FISCAL YEAR, APPROPRIATES AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS THE PROJECTED  
38 GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR.

39 D. THE LEGISLATURE MAY ENACT LAWS TO ENFORCE THIS  
40 SECTION.

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