



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

April 21, 2010 – Introduced by Senators KAPANKE, LEIBHAM and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives VOS, DAVIS, PRIDEMORE and STRACHOTA. Referred to Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

1 **To amend** section 2 of article VIII of the constitution; **relating to:** single-subject
2 rule for appropriation bills (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the Wisconsin Constitution does not limit the number of subjects embraced by any bill, except that article IV, section 18, restricts local or private bills to a single subject. This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2009 legislature on first consideration, requires that each appropriation bill embrace a single subject which shall be expressed in its title.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

3 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of article VIII of the constitution is amended to read:

5 [Article VIII] Section 2. No money shall be paid out of the treasury except in
6 pursuance of an appropriation by law. No appropriation shall be made for the
7 payment of any claim against the state except claims of the United States and
8 judgments, unless filed within six years after the claim accrued. Each appropriation
9 bill shall embrace only one subject, which shall be expressed in its title.

