

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - TAX
INCREASE REQUIREMENTS**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision relating to the vote required to pass bills.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

► require a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house for a bill providing for a tax increase.

Special Clauses:

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2021 for this proposal.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 22

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 22, to read:

Article VI, Section 22. [Reading of bills -- Bill to contain only one subject -- Bills passed by majority -- Required vote for bills providing for a tax increase.]



Every bill shall be read by title three separate times in each house except in cases where two-thirds of the house where such bill is pending suspend this requirement. Except general appropriation bills and bills for the codification and general revision of laws, no bill shall be passed containing more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title. The vote upon the final passage of all bills shall be by yeas and nays and entered upon the respective journals of the house in which the vote occurs. No bill or joint resolution shall be passed except with the assent of the majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature. No bill providing for a tax increase may pass without the assent of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, regardless of whether the bill also provides for a decrease in another tax.

Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2021.