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**H. 3356**

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Summary: Constitutional amendment proposed

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 15A SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IMPOSING OR INCREASING A TAX, THE REVENUE OF WHICH IS CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE, MAY NOT BECOME LAW UNLESS IT RECEIVES THE APPROVAL OF THREE‑FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THREE‑FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Article III of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding:

“Section 15A. A bill or joint resolution imposing or increasing a tax, the revenue of which is credited to the general fund of the State, may not become law without the approval of three‑fifths of the membership elected to the House of Representatives and three‑fifths of the membership elected to the Senate.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Article III of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding Section 15A so as to provide that a bill or joint resolution imposing or increasing a tax, the revenue of which is credited to the general fund of the State, may not become law without the approval of three‑fifths of the membership elected to the House of Representatives and three‑fifths of the membership elected to the Senate?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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