

March 19, 2009

S 728. PEOPLE'S VETO. Filed 3/19/09. *TO PROVIDE FOR A PEOPLE'S VETO THAT ALLOWS ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE SUSPENDED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN A REFERENDUM.*

Subject to approval by the voters at the November 2, 2010, general election, adds new Sections 25 and 26 to Article II of the North Carolina Constitution, effective when the results of the election are certified. Proposed Section 25 provides that no act or joint resolution of the General Assembly, except for those that pertain solely to the business of the General Assembly, shall take effect until 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns, unless in case of an emergency as determined under the provisions of Section 25. Proposed Section 26: (1) provides a procedure for registered voters (requires at least 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election) to file a written petition requesting that one or more acts, joint resolutions, or parts thereof, be referred to the people, so that such acts or resolutions shall not take effect until 30 days after they have been ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a statewide or general election and (2) provides that if the such petition is determined to be invalid, the act or resolution shall take effect upon the day following the determination that the petition was invalid.

Intro. by Berger of Rockingham.

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