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HOUSE BILL DRH10575-MCy-229

Short Title: Const Amend: No Budget No Pay.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Butler.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO DISALLOW THE
3 COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY FROM THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR UNTIL A BUDGET IS
5 RATIFIED.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** Section 16 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution reads as
8 rewritten:

9 "**Sec. 16. Compensation and allowances.**

10 The members and officers of the General Assembly shall receive for their services the
11 compensation and allowances prescribed by law. An increase in the compensation or allowances
12 of members shall become effective at the beginning of the next regular session of the General
13 Assembly following the session at which it was enacted. If the General Assembly fails to ratify
14 by June 30 a comprehensive budget of the anticipated revenue and proposed expenditures of the
15 State for the ensuing fiscal period, the compensation and allowances of the members of the
16 General Assembly from July 1 until the earlier of the ratification of the comprehensive budget or
17 the commencement of the next regular session shall be forfeited."

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** The amendment set out in subsection (a) of this section shall be
19 submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on
20 November 3, 2026, which election shall be conducted in accordance with the laws governing
21 elections at that time. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

22 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

23 Constitutional amendment to disallow the annual salary and other allowances for
24 members of the General Assembly if the General Assembly has not passed a budget by June 30
25 of a year for a period beginning July 1 and continuing until a budget is ratified or the term of the
26 Legislature ends, whichever occurs first."

27 **SECTION 1.(c)** The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the
28 referendum conducted under subsection (b) of this section. If a majority of votes cast on the
29 question are in favor of the amendment set out in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of
30 State shall enroll the amendment among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of
31 votes cast on the question are against the amendment set out in subsection (a) of this section, the
32 amendment shall have no effect.

33 **SECTION 1.(d)** If the certification from the State Board of Elections under
34 subsection (c) of this section reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of
35 the amendment set out in subsection (a) of this section, the amendment set out in subsection (a)
36 of this section is effective upon certification.



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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.