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**1921: Proposal 2**

**Subject: Governor's veto powers**

PROPOSAL 2

That section 11 of Chapter II of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 11. Every bill which shall have passed the Senate and House of Representatives shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Governor; if he approve, he shall sign it; if not, he shall return it, with his objections in writing to the House in which it shall have originated; which shall proceed to reconsider it. If upon such reconsideration, two-thirds of the members present of that House shall pass the bill, it shall, together with the objections, be sent to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and, if approved by two-thirds of the members present of that House, it shall become a law. Bills making appropriations of money out of the treasury shall specify the objects and purposes for which the same are made and appropriate to them respectively their several amounts in distinct items and sections and if the Governor shall not approve any one or more of the items or sections contained in any bill but shall approve the residue thereof it shall become a law as to the residue in like manner as if he had signed it. The Governor shall then return the bill with his objections to the items or sections of the same not approved by him to the House in which the bill shall have originated, which House shall enter the objections at large upon its journal and proceed to reconsider so much of said bill as is not approved by the Governor. The same proceedings shall be had in both the Houses in reconsidering the same as is herein before provided in case of an entire bill returned by the Governor with his objections and if any item or section of said bill not approved by the Governor shall be passed by two-thirds of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly it shall become part of said law notwithstanding the

objections of the Governor.

But in all cases the votes of both Houses shall be taken by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for or against the bill or any part thereof shall be entered on the journal of each House, respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the governor, as aforesaid, within five days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him the same shall become a law in like manner as if he had signed it; unless the two Houses by their adjournment within three days after the presentation of such bill shall prevent its return; in which case it shall not become a law.