

SEC. 17. To guard against hasty or partial legislation and encroachments of the legislative department upon the co-ordinate, executive and judicial departments, every bill which shall have passed the house of delegates and the senate shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the governor of the State; if he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it with his objections to the house in which it originated, which house shall enter the objections at large on its journal and proceed to reconsider the bill; if after such reconsideration, three-fifths of the members elected to that house shall pass the bill, it shall be sent with the objections to the other house by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if passed by three-fifths of the members elected to that house it shall become a law; but in all such cases the votes of both houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each house respectively; if any bill shall not be returned by the governor within six days (Sundays excepted,) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he signed it, unless the General Assembly shall, by adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law; the governor shall have power to disapprove of any item or items of any bills making appropriations of money embracing distinct items, and the part or parts of the bill approved shall be the law, and the item or items of appropriations disapproved shall be void unless repassed according to the rules or limitations prescribed for the passage of other bills over the executive veto.

Proposed  
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ment.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid;* That the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the constitution shall be, at the next general election held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in article fourteen of the constitution of this State, and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words, "for the constitutional amendment" or "against the constitutional amendment" as the voter shall elect, and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said fourteenth article of the constitution.

By ballot.

Approved March 27, 1890.