

Introduced by Senator Emmerson
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January 6, 2011

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 6—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending, repealing, and adding Sections 3, 8, 10, 11, and 12 of Article IV thereof, relating to legislative sessions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 6, as introduced, Emmerson. Revised biennial session.

(1) The California Constitution requires the Legislature to convene in regular biennial session at noon on the first Monday in December of each even-numbered year to consider legislation and the Budget Bill.

This measure would require the Legislature to convene in regular biennial session, but would require, commencing on December 3, 2012, that the sessions held in odd-numbered years be budget sessions, and that sessions held in even-numbered years be general sessions. The measure would require the Legislature, in a budget session, to adopt a Budget Bill, as defined, for the 2 subsequent fiscal years. The measure would require the Legislature, during a budget session, to meet only to conduct oversight and review of the revenues and expenditures of the state and to consider Budget Bills, budget implementation bills, as defined, and related revenue bills, except that the Legislature could consider urgency measures.

(2) The California Constitution authorizes each house of the Legislature to provide for the selection of committees necessary for the conduct of its business, including committees to ascertain facts and make recommendations to the Legislature on a subject within the scope of legislative control.

This measure would require, during a budget session, that each standing policy committee of the Senate and Assembly function as a budget subcommittee, making recommendations relative to the Budget Bill as to matters within the subject area of that committee. The measure would, after each Budget Bill has been passed, require each standing policy committee to meet for purposes of oversight and review of programs within the subject area of the committee.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

1 *Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the
2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2011–12 Regular
3 Session commencing on the sixth day of December 2010,
4 two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby
5 proposes to the people of the State of California that the
6 Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

7 First—That Section 3 of Article IV thereof is amended to read:

8 SEC. 3. (a) The Legislature shall convene in regular session
9 at noon on the first Monday in December of each even-numbered
10 year and each house shall immediately organize. Each session of
11 the Legislature shall adjourn sine die by operation of the
12 Constitution at midnight on November 30 of the following
13 even-numbered year.

14 (b) On extraordinary occasions the Governor by proclamation
15 may cause the Legislature to assemble in special session. When
16 so assembled it has power to legislate only on subjects specified
17 in the proclamation but may provide for expenses and other matters
18 incidental to the session.

19 (c) *This section does not apply to any legislative session*
20 *commencing on or after December 3, 2012. This section shall*
21 *remain in effect until December 3, 2012, and as of that date is*
22 *repealed. Section 3 of Article IV, as added by the measure that*
23 *added this subdivision, shall apply to legislative sessions*
24 *commencing on or after December 3, 2012.*

25 Second—That Section 3 is added to Article IV thereof, to read:

26 SEC. 3. (a) The Legislature shall convene in biennial regular
27 session at noon on the first Monday in December of each
28 even-numbered year and each house shall immediately organize.
29 Each regular session of the Legislature shall adjourn sine die by

1 operation of the Constitution at midnight on November 30 of the
2 following even-numbered year.

3 (b) Odd-numbered years of the biennial regular session, together
4 with the immediately preceding December upon organization of
5 each house, shall be known as budget sessions. In a budget session,
6 the Legislature shall meet only to conduct oversight and review
7 of the revenues and expenditures of the State and to consider only
8 budget bills and budget implementation bills for the succeeding
9 two fiscal years, and revenue bills necessary therefor, except that
10 the Legislature may consider a bill to enact an urgency statute as
11 provided in subdivision (d) of Section 8. For purposes of this
12 section, “budget implementation bill” means a bill that is identified
13 in a statute enacting a budget bill as being related to the budget,
14 including, but not limited to, a bill defined in paragraph (2) of
15 subdivision (e) of Section 12.

16 (c) Even-numbered years of the biennial regular session shall
17 be known as general sessions, during which any legislation may
18 be considered.

19 (d) On extraordinary occasions the Governor by proclamation
20 may cause the Legislature to assemble in special session. When
21 so assembled, the Legislature shall have power to legislate only
22 on subjects specified in the proclamation, but may provide for
23 expenses and other matters incidental to the session.

24 Third—That Section 8 of Article IV thereof is amended to read:

25 SEC. 8. (a) At regular sessions no bill other than the budget
26 bill may be heard or acted on by committee or either house until
27 the 31st day after the bill is introduced unless the house dispenses
28 with this requirement by rollcall vote entered in the journal, ~~three~~
29 ~~fourths~~ *three-fourths* of the membership concurring.

30 (b) The Legislature may make no law except by statute and may
31 enact no statute except by bill. No bill may be passed unless it is
32 read by title on ~~3~~ *three* days in each house except that the house
33 may dispense with this requirement by rollcall vote entered in the
34 journal, ~~two-thirds~~ *two-thirds* of the membership concurring. No
35 bill may be passed until the bill with amendments has been printed
36 and distributed to the ~~members~~ *Members*. No bill may be passed
37 unless, by rollcall vote entered in the journal, a majority of the
38 membership of each house concurs.

39 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) ~~of this~~
40 ~~subdivision~~, a statute enacted at a regular session shall go into

1 effect on January 1 next following a 90-day period from the date
2 of enactment of the statute and a statute enacted at a special session
3 shall go into effect on the 91st day after adjournment of the special
4 session at which the bill was passed.

5 (2) A statute, ~~other than a statute establishing or changing~~
6 ~~boundaries of any legislative, congressional, or other election~~
7 ~~district,~~ enacted by a bill passed by the Legislature on or before
8 the date the Legislature adjourns for a joint recess to reconvene in
9 the second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session,
10 and in the possession of the Governor after that date, shall go into
11 effect on January 1 next following the enactment date of the statute
12 unless, before January 1, a copy of a referendum petition affecting
13 the statute is submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to
14 subdivision (d) of Section 10 of Article II, in which event the
15 statute shall go into effect on the 91st day after the enactment date
16 unless the petition has been presented to the Secretary of State
17 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9 of Article II.

18 (3) Statutes calling elections, statutes providing for tax levies
19 or appropriations for the usual current expenses of the State, and
20 urgency statutes shall go into effect immediately upon their
21 enactment.

22 (d) Urgency statutes are those necessary for immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety. A statement of
24 facts constituting the necessity shall be set forth in one section of
25 the bill. In each house the section and the bill shall be passed
26 separately, each by rollcall vote entered in the journal, ~~two-thirds~~
27 *two-thirds* of the membership concurring. An urgency statute may
28 not create or abolish any office or change the salary, term, or duties
29 of any office, or grant any franchise or special privilege, or create
30 any vested right or interest.

31 *(e) This section does not apply to any legislative session*
32 *commencing on or after December 3, 2012. This section shall*
33 *remain in effect until December 3, 2012, and as of that date is*
34 *repealed. Section 8 of Article IV, as added by the measure that*
35 *added this subdivision, shall apply to legislative sessions*
36 *commencing on or after December 3, 2012.*

37 Fourth—That Section 8 is added to Article IV thereof, to read:

38 SEC. 8. (a) At a general session no bill may be heard or acted
39 on by committee or either house until the 31st day after the bill is
40 introduced unless the house dispenses with this requirement by

1 rollcall vote entered in the journal, three-fourths of the membership
2 concurring.

3 (b) The Legislature may make no law except by statute and may
4 enact no statute except by bill. No bill may be passed unless it is
5 read by title on three days in each house except that the house may
6 dispense with this requirement by rollcall vote entered in the
7 journal, two-thirds of the membership concurring. No bill may be
8 passed until the bill with amendments has been printed and
9 distributed to the Members. No bill may be passed unless, by
10 rollcall vote entered in the journal, a majority of the membership
11 of each house concurs.

12 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a statute enacted
13 at a regular session shall go into effect on January 1 next following
14 a 90-day period from the date of enactment of the statute and a
15 statute enacted at a special session shall go into effect on the 91st
16 day after adjournment of the special session at which the bill was
17 passed.

18 (2) Statutes calling elections, statutes providing for tax levies
19 or appropriations for the usual current expenses of the State, and
20 urgency statutes shall go into effect immediately upon their
21 enactment.

22 (d) Urgency statutes are those necessary for immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety. A statement of
24 facts constituting the necessity shall be set forth in one section of
25 the bill. In each house, the section and the bill shall be passed
26 separately, each by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds
27 of the membership concurring. An urgency statute may not create
28 or abolish any office, change the salary, term, or duties of any
29 office, grant any franchise or special privilege, or create any vested
30 right or interest.

31 Fifth—That Section 10 of Article IV thereof is amended to read:

32 SEC. 10. (a) Each bill passed by the Legislature shall be
33 presented to the Governor. It becomes a statute if it is signed by
34 the Governor. The Governor may veto it by returning it with any
35 objections to the house of origin, which shall enter the objections
36 in the journal and proceed to reconsider it. If each house then
37 passes the bill by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of
38 the membership concurring, it becomes a statute.

39 (b) (1) Any bill, ~~other than a bill which would establish or~~
40 ~~change boundaries of any legislative, congressional, or other~~

1 ~~election district~~, passed by the Legislature on or before the date
2 the Legislature adjourns for a joint recess to reconvene in the
3 second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session,
4 and in the possession of the Governor after that date, that is not
5 returned within 30 days after that date becomes a statute.

6 (2) Any bill passed by the Legislature before September 1 of
7 the second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session
8 and in the possession of the Governor on or after September 1 that
9 is not returned on or before September 30 of that year becomes a
10 statute.

11 (3) Any other bill presented to the Governor that is not returned
12 within 12 days becomes a statute.

13 (4) If the Legislature by adjournment of a special session
14 prevents the return of a bill with the veto message, the bill becomes
15 a statute unless the Governor vetoes the bill within 12 days after
16 it is presented by depositing it and the veto message in the office
17 of the Secretary of State.

18 (5) If the 12th day of the period within which the Governor is
19 required to perform an act pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) ~~of this~~
20 ~~subdivision~~ is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the period is
21 extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

22 (c) Any bill introduced during the first year of the biennium of
23 the legislative session that has not been passed by the house of
24 origin by January 31 of the second calendar year of the biennium
25 may no longer be acted on by the house. No bill may be passed
26 by either house on or after September 1 of an even-numbered year
27 except statutes calling elections, statutes providing for tax levies
28 or appropriations for the usual current expenses of the State, and
29 urgency statutes, and bills passed after being vetoed by the
30 Governor.

31 (d) The Legislature may not present any bill to the Governor
32 after November 15 of the second calendar year of the biennium of
33 the legislative session.

34 (e) The Governor may reduce or eliminate one or more items
35 of appropriation while approving other portions of a bill. The
36 Governor shall append to the bill a statement of the items reduced
37 or eliminated with the reasons for the action. The Governor shall
38 transmit to the house originating the bill a copy of the statement
39 and reasons. Items reduced or eliminated shall be separately

reconsidered and may be passed over the Governor's veto in the same manner as bills.

(f) (1) If, following the enactment of the budget bill for the 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, or 2012-13 fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year, the Governor determines that, for that fiscal year, General Fund revenues will decline substantially below the estimate of General Fund revenues upon which the budget bill for that fiscal year, as enacted, was based, or General Fund expenditures will increase substantially above that estimate of General Fund revenues, or both, the Governor may issue a proclamation declaring a fiscal emergency and shall thereupon cause the Legislature to assemble in special session for this purpose. The proclamation shall identify the nature of the fiscal emergency and shall be submitted by the Governor to the Legislature, accompanied by proposed legislation to address the fiscal emergency.

(2) If the Legislature fails to pass and send to the Governor a bill or bills to address the fiscal emergency by the 45th day following the issuance of the proclamation, the Legislature may not act on any other bill, nor may the Legislature adjourn for a joint recess, until that bill or those bills have been passed and sent to the Governor.

(3) A bill addressing the fiscal emergency declared pursuant to this section shall contain a statement to that effect.

(g) (1) This section does not apply to any legislative session commencing on or after December 3, 2012. This section shall no longer be operative as of December 3, 2012, and as of July 1, 2013, is repealed. Section 10 of Article IV, as added by the measure that added this subdivision, shall apply to legislative sessions commencing on or after December 3, 2012.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), subdivision (f) shall remain in effect until July 1, 2013.

Sixth—That Section 10 is added to Article IV thereof, to read:

SEC. 10. (a) Each bill passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor. It becomes a statute if it is signed by the Governor. The Governor may veto it by returning it with any objections to the house of origin, which shall enter the objections in the journal and proceed to reconsider it. If each house then passes the bill by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership concurring, it becomes a statute.

1 (b) (1) Any bill passed by the Legislature in a budget session
2 or general session before September 1 and in the possession of the
3 Governor on or after September 1 that is not returned on or before
4 September 30 of that year becomes a statute.

5 (2) Any other bill presented to the Governor that is not returned
6 within 12 days becomes a statute.

7 (3) If the Legislature by adjournment of a special session
8 prevents the return of a bill with the veto message, the bill becomes
9 a statute unless the Governor vetoes the bill within 12 days after
10 it is presented by depositing it and the veto message in the office
11 of the Secretary of State.

12 (4) If the 12th day of the period within which the Governor is
13 required to perform an act pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) is a
14 Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the period is extended to the next
15 day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

16 (c) No bill may be passed by either house on or after September
17 1 of a general session except statutes calling elections, statutes
18 providing for tax levies or appropriations for the usual current
19 expenses of the State, and urgency statutes, and bills passed after
20 being vetoed by the Governor.

21 (d) The Legislature shall not present to the Governor any bill
22 passed in a budget session or general session after November 15.

23 (e) The Governor may reduce or eliminate one or more items
24 of appropriation while approving other portions of a bill. The
25 Governor shall append to the bill a statement of the items reduced
26 or eliminated with the reasons for the action. The Governor shall
27 transmit to the house originating the bill a copy of the statement
28 and reasons. Items reduced or eliminated shall be separately
29 reconsidered and may be passed over the Governor's veto in the
30 same manner as bills.

31 (f) (1) If, following the enactment of a budget bill for a fiscal
32 year, the Governor determines that, for that fiscal year, General
33 Fund revenues will decline substantially below the estimate of
34 General Fund revenues upon which the budget bill for that fiscal
35 year, as enacted, was based, or General Fund expenditures will
36 increase substantially above that estimate of General Fund
37 revenues, or both, the Governor may issue a proclamation declaring
38 a fiscal emergency and shall thereupon cause the Legislature to
39 assemble in special session for this purpose. The proclamation
40 shall identify the nature of the fiscal emergency and shall be

1 submitted by the Governor to the Legislature, accompanied by
2 proposed legislation to address the fiscal emergency.

3 (2) If the Legislature fails to pass and send to the Governor a
4 bill or bills to address the fiscal emergency by the 45th day
5 following the issuance of the proclamation, the Legislature may
6 not act on any other bill, nor may the Legislature adjourn for a
7 joint recess, until that bill or those bills have been passed and sent
8 to the Governor.

9 (3) A bill addressing the fiscal emergency declared pursuant to
10 this subdivision shall contain a statement to that effect.

11 Seventh—That Section 11 of Article IV thereof is amended to
12 read:

13 SEC. 11. (a) The Legislature or either house may by resolution
14 provide for the selection of committees necessary for the conduct
15 of its business, including committees to ascertain facts and make
16 recommendations to the Legislature on a subject within the scope
17 of legislative control.

18 (b) *This section does not apply to any legislative session*
19 *commencing on or after December 3, 2012. This section shall no*
20 *longer be operative as of December 3, 2012, and as of July 1,*
21 *2013, is repealed. Section 11 of Article IV, as added by the measure*
22 *that added this subdivision, shall apply to legislative sessions*
23 *commencing on or after December 3, 2012.*

24 Eighth—That Section 11 is added to Article IV thereof, to read:

25 SEC. 11. (a) The Legislature or either house may by resolution
26 provide for the selection of committees necessary for the conduct
27 of its business, including committees to ascertain facts and make
28 recommendations to the Legislature on a subject within the scope
29 of legislative control.

30 (b) During a budget session, all of the following shall apply:

31 (1) Each standing policy committee of each house shall function
32 as a budget subcommittee to consider and recommend, to the
33 standing committee of each house that considers the budget,
34 proposed amendments to the pending budget bills, relative to the
35 adoption or modification of items or other provisions of those
36 budget bills within the subject area of the standing policy
37 committee.

38 (2) The standing committee of each house that considers the
39 budget shall, by majority vote of the membership of the committee,

1 adopt proposed amendments to each budget bill and report each
2 budget bill out of committee.

3 (3) After each budget bill is enacted, each standing policy
4 committee of each house shall meet for purposes of oversight and
5 review of programs within the subject area of the committee.

6 Ninth—That Section 12 of Article IV thereof is amended to
7 read:

8 SEC. 12. (a) Within the first 10 days of each calendar year,
9 the Governor shall submit to the Legislature, with an explanatory
10 message, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year containing itemized
11 statements for recommended state expenditures and estimated state
12 revenues. If recommended expenditures exceed estimated revenues,
13 the Governor shall recommend the sources from which the
14 additional revenues should be provided.

15 (b) The Governor and the Governor-elect may require a state
16 agency, officer, or employee to furnish whatever information is
17 deemed necessary to prepare the budget.

18 (c) (1) The budget shall be accompanied by a budget bill
19 itemizing recommended expenditures.

20 (2) The budget bill shall be introduced immediately in each
21 house by the persons chairing the committees that consider the
22 budget.

23 (3) The Legislature shall pass the budget bill by midnight on
24 June 15 of each year.

25 (4) Until the budget bill has been enacted, the Legislature shall
26 not send to the Governor for consideration any bill appropriating
27 funds for expenditure during the fiscal year for which the budget
28 bill is to be enacted, except emergency bills recommended by the
29 Governor or appropriations for the salaries and expenses of the
30 Legislature.

31 (d) No bill except the budget bill may contain more than one
32 item of appropriation, and that for one certain, expressed purpose.
33 Appropriations from the General Fund of the State, except
34 appropriations for the public schools; and appropriations in the
35 budget bill and in other bills providing for appropriations related
36 to the budget bill, are void unless passed in each house by rollcall
37 vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership
38 concurring.

39 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this
40 Constitution, the budget bill and other bills providing for

1 appropriations related to the budget bill may be passed in each
2 house by rollcall vote entered in the journal, a majority of the
3 membership concurring, to take effect immediately upon being
4 signed by the Governor or upon a date specified in the legislation.
5 Nothing in this subdivision shall affect the vote requirement for
6 appropriations for the public schools contained in subdivision (d)
7 of this section and in subdivision (b) of Section 8 of this article.

8 (2) For purposes of this section, “other bills providing for
9 appropriations related to the budget bill” shall consist only of bills
10 identified as related to the budget in the budget bill passed by the
11 Legislature.

12 (f) The Legislature may control the submission, approval, and
13 enforcement of budgets and the filing of claims for all state
14 agencies.

15 (g) For *any of the 2004–05 to 2012–13 fiscal-year years,*
16 *inclusive, or any subsequent fiscal year,* the Legislature ~~may~~ *shall*
17 not send to the Governor for consideration, nor ~~may~~ *shall* the
18 Governor sign into law, a budget bill that would appropriate from
19 the General Fund, for that fiscal year, a total amount that, when
20 combined with all appropriations from the General Fund for that
21 fiscal year made as of the date of the budget bill’s passage, and
22 the amount of any General Fund moneys transferred to the Budget
23 Stabilization Account for that fiscal year pursuant to Section 20
24 of Article XVI, exceeds General Fund revenues for that fiscal year
25 estimated as of the date of the budget bill’s passage. That estimate
26 of General Fund revenues shall be set forth in the budget bill passed
27 by the Legislature.

28 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this
29 Constitution, including subdivision (c) of this section, Section 4
30 of this article, and Sections 4 and 8 of Article III, in any year in
31 which the budget bill is not passed by the Legislature by midnight
32 on June 15, there shall be no appropriation from the current budget
33 or future budget to pay any salary or reimbursement for travel or
34 living expenses for Members of the Legislature during any regular
35 or special session for the period from midnight on June 15 until
36 the day that the budget bill is presented to the Governor. No salary
37 or reimbursement for travel or living expenses forfeited pursuant
38 to this subdivision shall be paid retroactively.

39 (i) *This section does not apply to the budget or budget bill for*
40 *any fiscal period commencing on or after July 1, 2013. This section*

1 *shall remain in effect until July 1, 2013, and as of that date is*
2 *repealed. Section 12 of Article IV, as added by the measure that*
3 *added this subdivision, shall apply to the budget and budget bill*
4 *for fiscal periods commencing on or after July 1, 2013.*

5 Tenth—That Section 12 is added to Article IV thereof, to read:

6 SEC. 12. (a) Within the first 10 days of each odd-numbered
7 calendar year, the Governor shall submit to the Legislature, with
8 an explanatory message, a single budget for the two subsequent
9 fiscal years thereafter commencing on July 1, containing itemized
10 statements for recommended state expenditures and estimated state
11 revenues. If recommended expenditures exceed estimated revenues,
12 the Governor shall recommend the sources from which the
13 additional revenues should be provided.

14 (b) The Governor and the Governor-elect may require a state
15 agency, officer, or employee to furnish any information that is
16 deemed necessary to prepare each budget.

17 (c) (1) Each budget shall be accompanied by a budget bill
18 itemizing recommended expenditures for the fiscal period described
19 in subdivision (a).

20 (2) The budget bill shall be introduced immediately in each
21 house by the persons chairing the committees that consider the
22 budget.

23 (3) The Legislature shall pass the budget bill by midnight on
24 June 15 of the odd-numbered calendar year.

25 (4) Until the budget bill is enacted, the Legislature shall not
26 send to the Governor for consideration any bill appropriating funds
27 for expenditure during the fiscal period for which the budget bill
28 is to be enacted, except emergency bills recommended by the
29 Governor or appropriations for the salaries and expenses of the
30 Legislature.

31 (d) No bill except a budget bill may contain more than one item
32 of appropriation, and that for one certain, expressed purpose.
33 Appropriations from the General Fund of the State, except
34 appropriations for the public schools and appropriations in the
35 budget bill and in other bills providing for appropriations related
36 to the budget bill, are void unless passed in each house by rollcall
37 vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership
38 concurring.

39 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this
40 Constitution, the budget bill and other bills providing for

1 appropriations related to the budget bill may be passed in each
2 house by rollcall vote entered in the journal, a majority of the
3 membership concurring, to take effect immediately upon being
4 signed by the Governor or upon a date specified in the legislation.
5 Nothing in this subdivision shall affect the vote requirement for
6 appropriations for the public schools contained in subdivision (d)
7 of this section and in subdivision (b) of Section 8.

8 (2) For purposes of this section, “other bills providing for
9 appropriations related to the budget bill” shall consist only of bills
10 identified as related to the budget in the budget bill passed by the
11 Legislature.

12 (f) The Legislature may control the submission, approval, and
13 enforcement of budgets and the filing of claims for all state
14 agencies.

15 (g) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and every July 1
16 thereafter, the Legislature shall not send to the Governor for
17 consideration, nor shall the Governor sign into law, a budget bill
18 that would appropriate from the General Fund, for that fiscal year,
19 a total amount that, when combined with all appropriations from
20 the General Fund for that fiscal year made as of the date of the
21 budget bill’s passage and with the amount of any General Fund
22 moneys transferred to the Budget Stabilization Account for that
23 fiscal year pursuant to Section 20 of Article XVI, exceeds General
24 Fund revenues for that fiscal year estimated as of the date of the
25 budget bill’s passage. That estimate of General Fund revenues
26 shall be set forth in the budget bill passed by the Legislature.

27 (h) For purposes of this section, “budget bill” means one or
28 more bills that make appropriations for the support of the
29 government of the State for an entire fiscal period, as specified in
30 subdivision (a), including a bill that contains only provisions
31 amending or augmenting an enacted bill that made appropriations
32 for the support of the government of the State for that fiscal period.