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## HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Bacala to Engrossed House Bill No. 573 by Representative Bacala

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### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 16 through 18 in their entirety and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(5)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, including but not limited to provisions concerning special treasury funds or compensation for state public officials or employees, if a projected deficit is due to a decrease of greater than five percent in the official forecast of recurring revenues, the method for adjusting appropriations authorized in this Paragraph for the current and the next fiscal year may include the following reductions in salaries paid out of the state general fund and dedicated funds as defined by Paragraph (J) of this Section, including the state general fund from fees and self-generated revenues:

(i) An amount not to exceed five percent of the annual salary of each statewide elected official and member of the legislature.

(ii) An amount not to exceed five percent of the annual salary of the head of each department in the executive branch who is not a statewide elected official.

(iii) If the full reduction in compensation authorized in Items (i) and (ii) of this Subsubparagraph are effected, the salary of each classified and unclassified state employee who received a merit increase or performance adjustment in the current fiscal year may be reduced by an amount not to exceed one percent of that portion of their annual salary that is paid out of the state general fund and dedicated funds in excess of twenty thousand dollars.

(b) Any reduction in a salary paid from a constitutionally dedicated fund may be in addition to the maximum five percent adjustment of the appropriation or allocation out of a fund as provided by Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph.

(c) For the purposes of this Paragraph, "state employee" shall include all classified and unclassified employees in the executive branch, including those agencies under the direction and control of a statewide elected official and the legislative branch, except as provided by Subsubparagraph (d) of this Subparagraph.

(d) For the purposes of this Paragraph, "state employee" shall not include any employee of a public institution of higher education, or a political subdivision.

(e) Reductions in salaries authorized under this Subsubparagraph shall be effective only for the fiscal year in which the deficit occurs.

(f) Reductions in salaries authorized under this Subparagraph shall be made at the discretion of the governor, and shall be subject to the consent of a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature. If the legislature is not in session, the legislative consent requirement may be satisfied upon obtaining the

1        written consent of a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature  
2        in a manner provided by law.

3        AMENDMENT NO. 2

4        On page 2, line 18, after "authorize" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 19 in its  
5        entirety and insert the following:

6                "reducing the salaries of statewide elected officials, the legislature, and state  
7                employees paid out of state funds to avoid a state"