

#A.B. 66

#Balanced Budget Amendment

IN THE ASSEMBLY

November 13th, 2020 Mr. /u/ItsNotBrandon introduced the following legislation.

#AN AMENDMENT TO ENSURE A BALANCED BUDGET

*Be it enacted by the Assembly of the State of Dixie, *

#SECTION I. SHORT TITLE

(1) This legislation shall be known as the “Balanced Budget Amendment”

#SECTION II. ASSEMBLY FINDINGS

(1) The Assembly of the Great State of Dixie does find that:

> (a) Fiscal responsibility is an important concept of ensuring that the government does not waste funds that’re allocated to it.

> (b) Fiscal responsibility in government teaches our children good financial skills for their future.

#SECTION III. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(1) Amend Article V of the Dixie Constitution by inserting **Section 6**:

> (a) Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless two-thirds of the whole number of the Assembly shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a rollcall vote. Such a law must include an adequate increase in the debt limit for the specific excess of outlays.

> (b) Prior to each fiscal year, the Governor shall transmit to the Assembly a proposed budget for the Southern State Government for that fiscal year in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

> (c) The Assembly may waive the provisions of this section for any fiscal year in which a state of emergency is in effect by a rollcall vote. Any such waiver must identify and be limited to the specific excess or increase for that fiscal year made necessary by the identified declaration of war. Such a state of emergency must include an adequate increase in the debt limit for the specific excess of outlays.

> (d) The Assembly shall enforce and implement this section by appropriate legislation, which may rely on estimates of outlays and receipts.

> (e) Total receipts shall include all receipts of the Southern State Government except those derived from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the Southern State Government except for those for repayment of debt principal.

> (f) This section shall take effect beginning with the first fiscal year beginning after its ratification.

#SECTION IV. ENACTMENT

(1) This legislation shall come into effect immediately upon its successful passage.

(2) This legislation shall take precedence over all previous pieces of legislation that might contradict it.

(3) Should any part of this resolution be struck down due to being unconstitutional, the rest shall remain law.