

THE BASIC LAW OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE
REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

(Under Article 159 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China)

RESOLVED that this Council consents to forwarding the following amendments to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China to the delegation of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to the National People's Congress, for submission to the National People's Congress --

“Article 1

Article 74 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China which provides that “Members of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region may introduce bills in accordance with the provisions of this Law and legal procedures. Bills which do not relate to public expenditure or political structure or the operation of the government may be introduced individually or jointly by members of the Council. The written consent of the Chief Executive shall be required before bills relating to government policies are introduced.” shall be amended as: “Members of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region may, individually or jointly, introduce bills in accordance with the provisions of this Law and legal procedures. The written consent of the Chief Executive shall be required before bills, the object or effect of which may, in the opinion of the President of the Council, be to dispose of or charge any part of the revenue or other public moneys of Hong Kong, are introduced individually or jointly by members of the Council.”

Article 2

The last two paragraphs of Item II of Annex II of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China which provide that "The passage of bills introduced by the government shall require at least a simple majority vote of the members of the Legislative Council present." "The passage of motions, bills or amendments to government bills introduced by individual members of the Legislative Council shall require a simple majority vote of each of the two groups of members present: members returned by functional constituencies and those returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections and by the Election Committee." shall be amended as: "All questions put to the Legislative Council shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Members present and voting." "The President of the Legislative Council shall, if the votes be equally divided, have a casting vote in addition to his original vote."".