



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0034

Introduced 1/17/2008, by Rep. Raymond Poe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5
ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature and Finance Articles of the Illinois Constitution. Requires that the General Assembly convene on the second Wednesday of January in each odd-numbered year (now, each year). Requires that the Governor biennially submit a budget to the General Assembly for the 2 ensuing fiscal years (now, annually submit a budget for the ensuing fiscal year). Effective upon being declared adopted and applies beginning in 2009.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois
9 Constitution by changing Section 5 of Article IV and Section 2
10 of Article VIII as follows:

11 ARTICLE IV
12 THE LEGISLATURE

13 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5)

14 SECTION 5. SESSIONS

15 (a) The General Assembly shall convene each odd-numbered
16 year on the second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly
17 shall be a continuous body during the term for which members of
18 the House of Representatives are elected.

19 (b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the
20 Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the
21 purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such
22 purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of
23 appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the

1 General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of
2 the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by
3 law.

4 (c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and
5 meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative
6 commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee
7 meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds
8 of the members elected to that house determine that the public
9 interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and
10 legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the
11 members elected to each house so determine.

12 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

13 ARTICLE VIII

14 FINANCE

15 (ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2)

16 SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

17 (a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General
18 Assembly each odd-numbered year, at a time prescribed by law, a
19 State budget for the ensuing two fiscal years ~~year~~. The budget
20 shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for
21 appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal biennium ~~year~~, the
22 estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations
23 during the fiscal biennium ~~year~~ of every department, authority,
24 public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State,

1 every State college and university, and every other public
2 agency created by the State, but not of units of local
3 government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth
4 the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and
5 such other information as may be required by law. Proposed
6 expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available
7 for the fiscal biennium ~~year~~ as shown in the budget.

8 (b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations
9 for all expenditures of public funds by the State.
10 Appropriations for a fiscal biennium ~~year~~ shall not exceed
11 funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during
12 that biennium ~~year~~.

13 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

14 SCHEDULE

15 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
16 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
17 Constitutional Amendment Act and applies beginning in 2009.