



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0047

Introduced , by Rep. William B. Black

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Requires that a bill, amendment, or resolution (i) that is sponsored by at least 16 Representatives must be voted on by a committee of the House of Representatives or (ii) that is sponsored by at least 8 Senators must be voted on by a committee of the Senate. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH 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 Article IV of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 8 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8)

13 SECTION 8. PASSAGE OF BILLS

14 (a) The enacting clause of the laws of this State shall be:
15 "Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
16 represented in the General Assembly."

17 (b) The General Assembly shall enact laws only by bill.
18 Bills may originate in either house, but may be amended or
19 rejected by the other.

20 (c) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a
21 majority of the members elected to each house. Final passage of
22 a bill shall be by record vote. In the Senate at the request of
23 two members, and in the House at the request of five members, a

1 record vote may be taken on any other occasion.

2 Every bill, amendment, and resolution sponsored by at least
3 16 Representatives shall receive a record vote of the members
4 of a substantive committee of the House of Representatives.
5 Every bill, amendment, and resolution sponsored by at least 8
6 Senators shall receive a record vote of the members of a
7 substantive committee of the Senate.

8 A record vote is a vote by yeas and nays entered on the
9 journal.

10 (d) A bill shall be read by title on three different days
11 in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall be
12 reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before final
13 passage.

14 Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the
15 codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be
16 confined to one subject. Appropriation bills shall be limited
17 to the subject of appropriations.

18 A bill expressly amending a law shall set forth completely
19 the sections amended.

20 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
21 President of the Senate shall sign each bill that passes both
22 houses to certify that the procedural requirements for passage
23 have been met.

24 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

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SCHEDULE

1 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
2 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
3 Constitutional Amendment Act.