



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0047

Introduced 2/8/2012, by Sen. Kirk W. Dillard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution in relation to the passage of bills. Provides that a bill that takes effect after January 1, 2013 and amends the Illinois Pension Code or a successor Act must be limited to one of the following: (i) amendments affecting a single pension fund, retirement system, entity, or plan established or to be established under the Code or successor Act, (ii) amendments to a single plan or general provision that governs a related group of pension funds or retirement systems, (iii) amendments necessarily affecting more than one pension fund or retirement system, such as transfers of participants or credits, or (iv) amendments for the codification, revision, or rearrangement of laws. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
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3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 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 Section 8 of Article IV
9 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

1 two members, and in the House at the request of five members, a
2 record vote may be taken on any other occasion. A record vote
3 is a vote by yeas and nays entered on the journal.

4 (d) A bill shall be read by title on three different days
5 in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall be
6 reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before final
7 passage.

8 Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the
9 codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be
10 confined to one subject. Appropriation bills shall be limited
11 to the subject of appropriations. A bill that takes effect
12 after January 1, 2013 and amends the Illinois Pension Code or a
13 successor Act must be limited to one of the following: (i)
14 amendments affecting a single pension fund, retirement system,
15 entity, or plan established or to be established under the Code
16 or successor Act, (ii) amendments to a single plan or general
17 provision that governs a related group of pension funds or
18 retirement systems, (iii) amendments necessarily affecting
19 more than one pension fund or retirement system, such as
20 transfers of participants or credits, or (iv) amendments for
21 the codification, revision, or rearrangement of laws.

22 A bill expressly amending a law shall set forth completely
23 the sections amended.

24 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
25 President of the Senate shall sign each bill that passes both
26 houses to certify that the procedural requirements for passage

1 have been met.

2 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

3 SCHEDULE

4 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
5 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
6 Constitutional Amendment Act.