



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0019**

Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Ryan Spain - Tony M. McCombie, Norine K. Hammond, Dan Ugaste, Amy Elik, et al.

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that two-thirds of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as each house may provide (now, a majority of the members elected to each house constitutes a quorum). Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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1                                   HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED FOURTH 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  
8 of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 6 of Article  
9 I of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10                                   ARTICLE IV  
11                                   THE LEGISLATURE

12                   (IILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6)

13           SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

14           (a) Two-thirds of each house shall constitute ~~A majority~~  
15 ~~of the members elected to each house constitutes~~ a quorum to do  
16 business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and  
17 compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and  
18 under such penalties as each house may provide.

19           (b) On the first day of the January session of the General  
20 Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall  
21 convene the House of Representatives to elect from its  
22 membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as  
23 presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate

1 to elect from its membership a President of the Senate as  
2 presiding officer.

3 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by  
4 this Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a  
5 member of the numerically strongest political party other than  
6 the party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the  
7 case may be.

8 (d) Each house shall determine the rules of its  
9 proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications  
10 of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be  
11 expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the  
12 members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only  
13 once for the same offense. Each house may punish by  
14 imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to  
15 the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its  
16 presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four  
17 hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or  
18 contemptuous behavior.

19 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

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#### SCHEDULE

21 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
22 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
23 Constitutional Amendment Act.