



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**HC0028**

Introduced 2/3/2004, by Rep. Tom Cross - Robert W. Pritchard -  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 1  
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 3  
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 7  
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 17  
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 18

Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Eliminates the Office of the Comptroller. Provides that the Treasurer shall (i) maintain the State's central fiscal accounts and order payments into and out of the funds held by him or her, (ii) be responsible for the safekeeping and investment of monies and securities deposited with him or her, and for their disbursement upon his or her order, and (iii) have the duties and powers that may be prescribed by law. Effective upon being declared adopted, and applies upon conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and Treasurer elected in 2002.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
 4 NINETY-THIRD 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 V of the  
 9 Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 3, 7, and 18 and  
 10 by repealing Section 17 as follows:

11 ARTICLE V  
 12 THE EXECUTIVE

13 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 1)

14 SECTION 1. OFFICERS

15 The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, Lieutenant  
 16 Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, ~~Comptroller~~  
 17 and Treasurer elected by the electors of the State. They shall  
 18 keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of  
 19 government during their terms of office.

20 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

21 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 3)

22 SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

23 To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, Lieutenant  
 24 Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, ~~Comptroller~~ or  
 25 Treasurer, a person must be a United States citizen, at least  
 26 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years  
 27 preceding his or her election.

28 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

29 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 7)

30 SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

1 If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, ~~Comptroller~~ or  
 2 Treasurer fails to qualify or if the ~~his~~ office becomes vacant,  
 3 the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The  
 4 appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies  
 5 or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be  
 6 provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the  
 7 Governor. If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if the  
 8 ~~his~~ office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end  
 9 of the term.

10 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

11 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 17)

12 SECTION 17. COMPTROLLER - DUTIES (REPEALED)

13 ~~The Comptroller, in accordance with law, shall maintain the~~  
 14 ~~State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and~~  
 15 ~~out of the funds held by the Treasurer.~~

16 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

17 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 18)

18 SECTION 18. TREASURER - DUTIES

19 The Treasurer, in accordance with law, shall (i) maintain  
 20 the State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into  
 21 and out of the funds held by him or her, (ii) be responsible  
 22 for the safekeeping and investment of monies and securities  
 23 deposited with him or her, and for their disbursement upon his  
 24 or her order, and (iii) have the duties and powers that may be  
 25 prescribed by law ~~of the Comptroller.~~

26 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

27 SCHEDULE

28 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
 29 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
 30 Constitutional Amendment Act. This Constitutional Amendment  
 31 applies upon the conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and  
 32 the Treasurer elected in 2002.