

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0031

Introduced , by Rep. Adam Brown

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Eliminates the Offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer. Provides instead for a single Comptroller of the Treasury. Provides that the Comptroller of the Treasury 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. No Comptroller or Treasurer shall be elected in 2018 and thereafter. Effective otherwise upon conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2014.

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| 1 | HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION |
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3 RESOLVED, ΒY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 4 NINETY-EIGHTH 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 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of 7 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 |
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| 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, <u>and</u> 17 <u>Comptroller of the Treasury Comptroller and Treasurer</u> elected 18 by the electors of the State. They shall keep the public 19 records and maintain a residence at the seat of government 20 during their terms of office.

21 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

22 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 3)

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1 SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, <u>or Comptroller</u> <u>of the Treasury Comptroller or Treasurer</u>, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years preceding his <u>or her</u> election. (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

8 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 7)

9 SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

10 If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Comptroller 11 of the Treasury Comptroller or Treasurer fails to qualify or if 12 the his office becomes vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The appointee shall hold office until 13 14 the elected officer qualifies or until a successor is elected 15 and qualified as may be provided by law and shall not be 16 subject to removal by the Governor. If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if the his office becomes vacant, it shall 17 remain vacant until the end of the term. 18

19 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

| 20 | (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 17) |
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| 21 | SECTION 17. COMPTROLLER - DUTIES (REPEALED) |
| 22 | The Comptroller, in accordance with law, shall maintain the |
| 23 | State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and |
| 24 | out of the funds held by the Treasurer. |

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1 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

(ILCON Art. V, Sec. 18) 2 SECTION 18. COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY TREASURER - DUTIES 3 4 The Comptroller of the Treasury Treasurer, in accordance 5 with law, shall (i) maintain the State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and out of the funds held by 6 him or her, (ii) be responsible for the safekeeping and 7 8 investment of monies and securities deposited with him or her, 9 and for their disbursement upon his or her order, and (iii) 10 have the duties and powers that may be prescribed by law of the 11 Comptroller.

12 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

A Comptroller of the Treasury, but not a Comptroller or Treasurer, shall be elected in 2018 and thereafter. This Constitutional Amendment otherwise takes effect upon the conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2014.