



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0010

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Thomas Cullerton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 5 new

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that in no fiscal year shall the rate of growth of general funds appropriations over the preceding fiscal year exceed the rate of growth of the Illinois economy. Provides that if the General Assembly by adoption of a resolution approved by a record vote of three-fifths of the members of each house finds that an emergency exists and identifies the nature of the emergency and the amount of appropriations in excess of those provided under specified provisions required by the emergency, the General Assembly may provide for appropriations in excess of the specified amount. Provides that the excess amounts may not exceed the amount specified in the authorizing resolution. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 add Section 5 to Article VIII
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE VIII

11 FINANCE

12 (IILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 5 new)

13 SECTION 5. RATE OF GROWTH OF APPROPRIATIONS

14 (a) In no fiscal year shall the rate of growth of general
15 funds appropriations over the preceding fiscal year exceed the
16 rate of growth of the Illinois economy. For the purposes of
17 this Section, the rate of growth of the Illinois economy is the
18 average annual growth rate of gross domestic product in the
19 State over the preceding ten calendar years, using data
20 reported by federal Bureau of Economic Analysis or its
21 successor agency before the December 31 immediately preceding
22 the beginning of the fiscal year. The General Assembly shall
23 provide by law procedures to implement this subsection (a).

1 (b) If the General Assembly by adoption of a resolution
2 approved by a record vote of three-fifths of the members of
3 each house finds that an emergency exists and identifies the
4 nature of the emergency and the amount of appropriations in
5 excess of those provided under subsection (a) required by the
6 emergency, the General Assembly may provide for appropriations
7 in excess of the amount authorized by subsection (a). The
8 excess amounts authorized under this subsection (b) may not
9 exceed the amount specified in the resolution.

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SCHEDULE

11 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
12 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
13 Constitutional Amendment Act.