



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0023**

Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Chris Miller

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that, when the House of Representatives or the Senate convenes in veto session, it may consider only the following legislative measures: bills that have been vetoed by the Governor; bills that have been returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change; items of appropriation that have been reduced or vetoed by the Governor; and motions, messages, notices, and resolutions. 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 5 of Article  
9 IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV  
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5)

13 SECTION 5. SESSIONS

14 (a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the  
15 second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a  
16 continuous body during the term for which members of the House  
17 of Representatives are elected.

18 (b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the  
19 Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the  
20 purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such  
21 purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of  
22 appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the  
23 General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of

1 the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by  
2 law.

3 (c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and  
4 meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative  
5 commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and  
6 committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if  
7 two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine that  
8 the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint  
9 committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if  
10 two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.

11 (d) When the House of Representatives or the Senate  
12 convenes in veto session, it may consider only the following  
13 legislative measures: bills that have been vetoed by the  
14 Governor; bills that have been returned by the Governor with  
15 specific recommendations for change; items of appropriation  
16 that have been reduced or vetoed by the Governor; and motions,  
17 messages, notices, and resolutions.

18 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

19 SCHEDULE

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