



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2005 and 2006**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0007**

Introduced 1/27/2005, by Rep. Patricia Reid Lindner

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that the Governor must have the written consent of all 4 legislative leaders to call a special session of the General Assembly and must have the written consent of the President and Minority Leader of the Senate to call a special session of the Senate. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-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 of  
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Section 5 of Article IV  
9 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, with the  
19 written consent of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of  
20 the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the  
21 Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of  
22 Representatives, or the Senate alone, with the written consent  
23 of the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the  
24 Senate, in special session by a proclamation stating the  
25 purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such  
26 purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of  
27 appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the  
28 General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of  
29 the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by  
30 law.

31 (c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and  
32 meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative  
33 commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee

1 meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds  
2 of the members elected to that house determine that the public  
3 interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and  
4 legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the  
5 members elected to each house so determine.

6 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

7 SCHEDULE

8 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
9 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
10 Constitutional Amendment Act.