



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0032

Introduced 1/9/2008, 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-FIFTH 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

1 Senate, in special session by a proclamation stating the
2 purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such
3 purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of
4 appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the
5 General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of
6 the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by
7 law.

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

16 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

17 SCHEDULE

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