



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0035

Introduced 1/17/2008, by Rep. John A. Fritchey - David E. Miller

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 9

Proposes to amend The Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Repeals the Governor's power to amendatorily veto bills. Effective on 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 change Section 9 of Article IV
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 9)

13 SECTION 9. VETO PROCEDURE

14 (a) Every bill passed by the General Assembly shall be
15 presented to the Governor within 30 calendar days after its
16 passage. The foregoing requirement shall be judicially
17 enforceable. If the Governor approves the bill, he shall sign
18 it and it shall become law.

19 (b) If the Governor does not approve the bill, he shall
20 veto it by returning it with his objections to the house in
21 which it originated. Any bill not so returned by the Governor
22 within 60 calendar days after it is presented to him shall
23 become law. If recess or adjournment of the General Assembly

1 prevents the return of a bill, the bill and the Governor's
2 objections shall be filed with the Secretary of State within
3 such 60 calendar days. The Secretary of State shall return the
4 bill and objections to the originating house promptly upon the
5 next meeting of the same General Assembly at which the bill can
6 be considered.

7 (c) The house to which a bill is returned shall immediately
8 enter the Governor's objections upon its journal. If within 15
9 calendar days after such entry that house by a record vote of
10 three-fifths of the members elected passes the bill, it shall
11 be delivered immediately to the second house. If within 15
12 calendar days after such delivery the second house by a record
13 vote of three-fifths of the members elected passes the bill, it
14 shall become law.

15 (d) The Governor may reduce or veto any item of
16 appropriations in a bill presented to him. Portions of a bill
17 not reduced or vetoed shall become law. An item vetoed shall be
18 returned to the house in which it originated and may become law
19 in the same manner as a vetoed bill. An item reduced in amount
20 shall be returned to the house in which it originated and may
21 be restored to its original amount in the same manner as a
22 vetoed bill except that the required record vote shall be a
23 majority of the members elected to each house. If a reduced
24 item is not so restored, it shall become law in the reduced
25 amount.

26 ~~(e) The Governor may return a bill together with specific~~

1 ~~recommendations for change to the house in which it originated.~~
2 ~~The bill shall be considered in the same manner as a vetoed~~
3 ~~bill but the specific recommendations may be accepted by a~~
4 ~~record vote of a majority of the members elected to each house.~~
5 ~~Such bill shall be presented again to the Governor and if he~~
6 ~~certifies that such acceptance conforms to his specific~~
7 ~~recommendations, the bill shall become law. If he does not so~~
8 ~~certify, he shall return it as a vetoed bill to the house in~~
9 ~~which it originated.~~

10 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

11 SCHEDULE

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