



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0047

Introduced , by Rep. Mark Batinick

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution relating to balanced budgets. Provides that the State budget shall be based on estimated revenue (now funds), defines "revenue". Provides that, except for deficiency or emergency appropriations, appropriations are expendable only during the fiscal year for which they were appropriated. Provides that the General Assembly by law may establish an extended period to pay lapsed appropriations, not to exceed six months beyond the end of the fiscal year.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH 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 2 of Article
9 VIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE VIII
11 FINANCE

12 (IILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2)

13 SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

14 (a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General
15 Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the
16 ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated
17 balance of revenue funds available for appropriation at the
18 beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a
19 plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of
20 every department, authority, public corporation and
21 quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and
22 university, and every other public agency created by the State,
23 but not of units of local government or school districts. The

1 budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent
2 liabilities of the State and such other information as may be
3 required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed revenue
4 ~~funds~~ estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in
5 the budget. "Revenue" means receipts from taxes and fees;
6 "revenue" does not include incurring debt, refinancing
7 existing debt, or fund sweeps.

8 (b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations
9 for all expenditures of public funds by the State.
10 Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed revenue funds
11 estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that
12 year. Except for deficiency or emergency appropriations, all
13 appropriations are expendable only during the fiscal year for
14 which they were appropriated. The General Assembly by law may
15 establish an extended period to pay obligations incurred during
16 a fiscal year that would otherwise lapse not to exceed six
17 months beyond the end of the fiscal year.

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.