



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0020

Introduced , by Rep. Grant Wehrli

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend The Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that each house shall have a Committee on Assignments composed of 6 members, with 3 members appointed by the presiding officer of that house and 3 members appointed by the minority leader of that house. Provides that no legislation shall be assigned to a committee except by an affirmative vote of at least 4 members of a Committee on Assignments. Provides specific notice and posting requirements for subject matters and legislative measures. 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 ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
5 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 6 of The
9 Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (IILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6)

13 SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

14 (a) A majority of the members elected to each house
15 constitutes a quorum.

16 (b) On the first day of the January session of the General
17 Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall
18 convene the House of Representatives to elect from its
19 membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as
20 presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to
21 elect from its membership a President of the Senate as
22 presiding officer.

23 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this

1 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member
2 of the numerically strongest political party other than the
3 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the
4 case may be.

5 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e), each
6 ~~Each~~ house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, judge
7 the elections, returns and qualifications of its members and
8 choose its officers. No member shall be expelled by either
9 house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to
10 that house. A member may be expelled only once for the same
11 offense. Each house may punish by imprisonment any person, not
12 a member, guilty of disrespect to the house by disorderly or
13 contemptuous behavior in its presence. Imprisonment shall not
14 extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time unless the person
15 persists in disorderly or contemptuous behavior.

16 (e) Each house shall have a Committee on Assignments, which
17 shall be the sole committee in each house with the power to
18 determine the assignment of legislation to a committee. Each
19 Committee on Assignments shall be composed of six members, with
20 three members appointed by the presiding officer of that house
21 and three members appointed by the Minority Leader of that
22 house. No legislation shall be assigned to a committee except
23 by the affirmative vote of at least four members of a Committee
24 on Assignments.

25 (f) A Committee on Assignments shall not consider or
26 conduct a hearing with respect to a subject matter or a

1 legislative measure absent notice first being given as follows:

2 (1) One hour advance notice for the consideration of
3 any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
4 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
5 amendment.

6 (2) Seventy-two hours advance notice to consider the
7 referral of bills to committees of the House or joint
8 committees of the House and Senate.

9 (3) Twenty-four hours advance notice for hearings held
10 for purposes not specified in items (1) and (2) of this
11 subsection (f).

12 The Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments shall post
13 the notice required under this subsection (f) on the House
14 bulletin board identifying each subject matter and each
15 legislative measure that may be considered during the hearing.
16 The notice shall contain the day, hour, and place of the
17 hearing.

18 The posting requirements of items (2) and (3) of this
19 subsection (f) may be reduced to a one-hour advance notice upon
20 the adoption of a motion by three-fifths of the members
21 elected; however, the posting requirement of item (1) of this
22 subsection (f) may not be suspended. Notice requirements for
23 hearings may be suspended only as authorized by this subsection
24 (f), and no hearing shall be conducted with less than a
25 one-hour advance notice.

26 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

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SCHEDULE

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This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being

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declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois

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Constitutional Amendment Act.