



**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2017 and 2018**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0038**

Introduced , by Rep. Allen Skillicorn

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 5 new

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that in no fiscal year shall the rate of growth of General Revenue Fund appropriations over the preceding fiscal year exceed the rate of growth of the Illinois economy. Provides that if the General Assembly by adoption of a resolution approved by a record vote of a majority of the members of each house finds that an emergency exists and identifies the nature of the emergency, the General Assembly may provide for appropriations in excess of the amount authorized. Provides that the authorized excess amount may not exceed the amount specified in the resolution. 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 add Section 5 to Article VIII  
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE VIII  
11 FINANCE

12 (ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 5 new)

13 SECTION 5. RATE OF GROWTH OF APPROPRIATIONS

14 (a) In no fiscal year shall the rate of growth of General  
15 Revenue Fund appropriations over the preceding fiscal year  
16 exceed the rate of growth of the Illinois economy. For the  
17 purposes of this Section, the rate of growth of the Illinois  
18 economy is the average annual growth rate of per capita gross  
19 domestic product in the State over the preceding ten calendar  
20 years, using data reported by the federal Bureau of Economic  
21 Analysis, or its successor agency, before December 31  
22 immediately preceding the beginning of the fiscal year. The  
23 General Assembly shall provide by law for the implementation of

1 this subsection (a).

2 (b) If the General Assembly by adoption of a resolution  
3 approved by a record vote of a majority of the members of each  
4 house finds that an emergency exists and identifies the nature  
5 of the emergency, the General Assembly may provide for  
6 appropriations in excess of the amount authorized by subsection  
7 (a) of this Section. The excess authorized under this  
8 subsection (b) may not exceed the amount specified in the  
9 resolution.

10 SCHEDULE

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