



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
2003 and 2004
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
HC0032

Introduced 2/9/2004, by Rep. Bill Mitchell

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution. Limits each fiscal year's increase in total aggregate appropriations to the greater of 4% of the previous fiscal year's total aggregate appropriations or the sum of the rate of inflation and the State's population growth since the previous fiscal year. Requires that revenues in excess of a fiscal year's total aggregate appropriations must be deposited into a rainy day fund within the State treasury. 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-THIRD 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 Article VIII of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 2 as follows:

10 ARTICLE VIII
11 FINANCE

12 (ILCON 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 funds available for appropriation at the beginning
18 of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for
19 expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every
20 department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public
21 corporation of the State, every State college and university,
22 and every other public agency created by the State, but not of
23 units of local government or school districts. The budget shall
24 also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of
25 the State and such other information as may be required by law.
26 Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be
27 available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget.

28 (b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations
29 for all expenditures of public funds by the State.
30 Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds
31 estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that
32 year.

33 (c) The total aggregate appropriations for each fiscal year

1 shall not exceed the previous fiscal year's total aggregate
2 appropriations by the greater of 4% of the previous fiscal
3 year's total aggregate appropriations or a percentage
4 representing the sum of the percentage rate of inflation and
5 the percentage rate of the State's population growth since the
6 previous fiscal year. State revenues in excess of a fiscal
7 year's total aggregate appropriations as calculated under this
8 subsection shall be deposited into a rainy day fund within the
9 State treasury established and to be used for purposes provided
10 by law.

11 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

12 SCHEDULE

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