



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0021

Introduced 2/8/2018, by Sen. Thomas Cullerton

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 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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 (IILCON 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.