



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0022

Introduced 2/22/2021, by Rep. Thomas Morrison

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 9

Amends the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that only bills that have been vetoed by the Governor may be voted upon during regular session of the General Assembly that is held after May 31 of an even-numbered year and prior to the beginning of a new session of the General Assembly on the second Wednesday in January of an odd-numbered year. Provides that a special session of the General Assembly may be convened for emergency purposes at which subjects other than bills vetoed by the Governor may be considered. 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 HUNDRED SECOND 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
8 of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 9 of Article
9 IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (IILCON Art. IV, Sec. 9)

13 SECTION 9. VETO PROCEDURE

14 (a) Every bill passed by the General Assembly shall be
15 presented to the Governor within 30 calendar days after its
16 passage. The foregoing requirement shall be judicially
17 enforceable. If the Governor approves the bill, he shall sign
18 it and it shall become law.

19 (b) If the Governor does not approve the bill, he shall
20 veto it by returning it with his objections to the house in
21 which it originated. Any bill not so returned by the Governor
22 within 60 calendar days after it is presented to him shall
23 become law. If recess or adjournment of the General Assembly

1 prevents the return of a bill, the bill and the Governor's
2 objections shall be filed with the Secretary of State within
3 such 60 calendar days. The Secretary of State shall return the
4 bill and objections to the originating house promptly upon the
5 next meeting of the same General Assembly at which the bill can
6 be considered.

7 (c) The house to which a bill is returned shall
8 immediately enter the Governor's objections upon its journal.
9 If within 15 calendar days after such entry that house by a
10 record vote of three-fifths of the members elected passes the
11 bill, it shall be delivered immediately to the second house.
12 If within 15 calendar days after such delivery the second
13 house by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected
14 passes the bill, it shall become law.

15 (d) The Governor may reduce or veto any item of
16 appropriations in a bill presented to him. Portions of a bill
17 not reduced or vetoed shall become law. An item vetoed shall be
18 returned to the house in which it originated and may become law
19 in the same manner as a vetoed bill. An item reduced in amount
20 shall be returned to the house in which it originated and may
21 be restored to its original amount in the same manner as a
22 vetoed bill except that the required record vote shall be a
23 majority of the members elected to each house. If a reduced
24 item is not so restored, it shall become law in the reduced
25 amount.

26 (e) The Governor may return a bill together with specific

1 recommendations for change to the house in which it
2 originated. The bill shall be considered in the same manner as
3 a vetoed bill but the specific recommendations may be accepted
4 by a record vote of a majority of the members elected to each
5 house. Such bill shall be presented again to the Governor and
6 if he certifies that such acceptance conforms to his specific
7 recommendations, the bill shall become law. If he does not so
8 certify, he shall return it as a vetoed bill to the house in
9 which it originated.

10 (f) Only bills that have been vetoed by the Governor may be
11 voted upon during regular session of the General Assembly that
12 is held after May 31 of an even-numbered year and prior to the
13 beginning of a new session of the General Assembly on the
14 second Wednesday in January of an odd-numbered year. A special
15 session of the General Assembly may be convened for emergency
16 purposes as provided for under Section 5 of this Article at
17 which subjects other than bills vetoed by the Governor may be
18 considered.

19 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

20 SCHEDULE

21 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
22 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
23 Constitutional Amendment Act.