



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0029

Introduced 2/22/2021, by Rep. Keith R. Wheeler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8

Amends the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that any bill voted upon in either house on or after January 1, but prior to the beginning of a new session of the General Assembly on the second Wednesday in January, in odd-numbered years, shall pass only by a three-fifths majority vote of the members elected to each house. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
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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 the Illinois
9 Constitution in Article IV by changing Section 8 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8)

13 SECTION 8. PASSAGE OF BILLS

14 (a) The enacting clause of the laws of this State shall be:
15 "Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
16 represented in the General Assembly."

17 (b) The General Assembly shall enact laws only by bill.
18 Bills may originate in either house, but may be amended or
19 rejected by the other.

20 (c) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a
21 majority of the members elected to each house. Final passage
22 of a bill shall be by record vote. In the Senate at the request
23 of two members, and in the House at the request of five

1 members, a record vote may be taken on any other occasion. A
2 record vote is a vote by yeas and nays entered on the journal.

3 (d) A bill shall be read by title on three different days
4 in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall be
5 reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before final
6 passage.

7 Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the
8 codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be
9 confined to one subject. Appropriation bills shall be limited
10 to the subject of appropriations.

11 A bill expressly amending a law shall set forth completely
12 the sections amended.

13 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
14 President of the Senate shall sign each bill that passes both
15 houses to certify that the procedural requirements for passage
16 have been met.

17 (e) Any bill voted upon in either house on or after January
18 1, but prior to the beginning of a new session of the General
19 Assembly on the second Wednesday in January, in odd-numbered
20 years, shall pass only by a three-fifths majority vote of the
21 members elected to each house.

22 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

23 SCHEDULE

24 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
25 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois

1 Constitutional Amendment Act.