



**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2023 and 2024**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0013**

Introduced 2/22/2023, by Rep. Patrick Windhorst

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that, except for special sessions, any session days on the date of a general election through the term of a then-current General Assembly must be limited to consideration of pending vetoes, appropriations, and emergency actions. 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 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  
8 of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the  
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 5 as follows:

10                                   ARTICLE IV  
11                                   THE LEGISLATURE

12                   (IILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5)

13           SECTION 5. SESSIONS

14           (a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the  
15 second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a  
16 continuous body during the term for which members of the House  
17 of Representatives are elected.

18           (b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the  
19 Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the  
20 purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such  
21 purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of  
22 appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the  
23 General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of

1 the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by  
2 law.

3 (c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and  
4 meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative  
5 commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and  
6 committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if  
7 two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine that  
8 the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint  
9 committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if  
10 two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.

11 (d) Except for special sessions, any session days on the  
12 date of a general election through the term of the  
13 then-current General Assembly must be limited to consideration  
14 of pending vetoes, appropriations, and emergency actions.

15 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

16 SCHEDULE

17 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being  
18 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
19 Constitutional Amendment Act.