

1                               SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                               CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3               RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be  
6 submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or  
7 rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6  
8 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to  
9 amend Section 8 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as  
10 follows:

11                               ARTICLE IV  
12                               THE LEGISLATURE

13               (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8)

14               SECTION 8. PASSAGE OF BILLS

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

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

21               (c) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence  
22 of a majority of the members elected to each house. Final  
23 passage of a bill shall be by record vote. In the Senate at  
24 the request of two members, and in the House at the request  
25 of five members, a record vote may be taken on any other  
26 occasion. A record vote is a vote by yeas and nays entered on  
27 the journal.

28               (d) A bill shall be read by title on three different  
29 days in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall  
30 be reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before  
31 final passage.

32               Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the

1 codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be  
2 confined to one subject. Appropriation bills shall be limited  
3 to the subject of appropriations.

4 A bill expressly amending a law shall set forth  
5 completely the sections amended.

6 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
7 President of the Senate shall sign each bill that passes both  
8 houses to certify that the procedural requirements for  
9 passage have been met.

10 (e) After November 2, 2004, no portion of any bill shall  
11 require a unit of local government or school district to  
12 establish, expand, modify, or increase its programs,  
13 activities, or services in such a way as to necessitate the  
14 expenditure of additional public revenue by a unit of local  
15 government or school district, unless at least one of the  
16 following applies:

17 (1) the State appropriates additional funds to the  
18 unit of local government or school district that fully  
19 fund the additional expenditures necessary to carry out  
20 the requirement for each year the requirement is in  
21 effect;

22 (2) the bill passes with the concurrence of at  
23 least three-fifths of the members elected to each house;

24 (3) that portion of the bill imposes a federal law  
25 that the unit of local government or school district  
26 would otherwise be required to meet by federal law or  
27 imposes a State or federal court order, with no  
28 additional requirements imposed by the State;

29 (4) that portion of the bill creates, expands, or  
30 modifies a specifically defined crime; or

31 (5) that portion of the bill creates, expands, or  
32 modifies benefits paid by employers to unemployed workers  
33 or for employees or dependents for workplace injuries if  
34 the benefits apply uniformly to all employees, public and

1 private, employed in this State.

2 A law enacted after November 2, 2004 may not be the basis  
3 for administrative rules, regulations, or actions that  
4 require a unit of local government or school district to  
5 establish, expand, modify, or increase its programs,  
6 activities, or services in such a way as to necessitate the  
7 expenditure of additional public revenue by a unit of local  
8 government or school district, unless the law authorizes the  
9 rules, regulations, or actions.

10 This subsection (e) does not apply to any portion of a  
11 bill that limits or regulates the ability of a unit of local  
12 government or school district to raise revenue.

13 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

14 SCHEDULE

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