



**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2007 and 2008**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0012**

Introduced 2/7/2007, by Rep. Sidney H. Mathias

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution. Requires that appropriations must be approved by a three-fifths vote of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. 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  
4 NINETY-FIFTH 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 of  
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article VIII of the  
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 2 as follows:

10 ARTICLE VIII  
11 FINANCE

12 (ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2)

13 SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

14 (a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General  
15 Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the  
16 ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated  
17 balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning  
18 of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for  
19 expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every  
20 department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public  
21 corporation of the State, every State college and university,  
22 and every other public agency created by the State, but not of  
23 units of local government or school districts. The budget shall

1 also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of  
2 the State and such other information as may be required by law.  
3 Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be  
4 available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget.

5 (b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations  
6 for all expenditures of public funds by the State.  
7 Appropriations may become law only with the concurrence of  
8 three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the  
9 General Assembly. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not  
10 exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available  
11 during that year.

12 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

13 SCHEDULE

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