

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SC0094

Introduced 2/10/2010, by Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. VII, Sec. 13 new

Proposes to amend the Local Government Article of the Illinois Constitution. Requires the State to reimburse units of local government for increased expenses resulting from activities mandated by the General Assembly or State executive action. Exempts mandates requested by a local government or predating the effective date. Makes unfunded mandates unenforceable unless passed by three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly and specifically characterized as non-reimbursable. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1	SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
3	RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
4	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5	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 add Section 13 to Article VII
9	of the Illinois Constitution as follows:
10	ARTICLE VII
11	LOCAL GOVERNMENT
12	(ILCON Art. VII, Sec. 13 new)
13	SECTION 13. UNFUNDED MANDATES
14	(a) If the General Assembly or any State executive action
15	requires a unit of local government to establish, expand, or
16	modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate
17	additional expenditures of revenue by the unit of local
18	government, then the State must provide funds to reimburse the
19	unit of local government for the costs necessary to carry out
20	the mandated requirement, except that the General Assembly may,
21	but need not, provide funds for the following mandates:
22	(1) legislatively mandated requirements requested by
23	the unit of local government affected; and

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1	(2) legislatively mandated requirements that became
2	effective before the effective date of this Section or
3	State executive actions initially implementing legislation
4	that became effective before the effective date of this
5	Section.
6	(b) A mandated requirement that is not funded is not
7	enforceable while not funded unless the bill implementing the
8	mandated requirement passed with the concurrence of at least
9	three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the
10	General Assembly and specifically states that it is a
11	non-reimbursable mandate under this subsection.

12 SCHEDULE

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