



**97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2011 and 2012**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0015**

Introduced , by Rep. Jim Durkin

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8.1 new

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a bill may become law only with the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly if the bill directly: (i) requires the expenditure of any State funds, (ii) decreases the revenues of the State, (iii) requires that units of local government or school districts expend their own funds, (iv) decreases the revenues of units of local government or school districts, or (v) revises the distribution of State funds among units of local government or school districts. Provides that if the Governor vetoes such a bill, then it shall not become law unless it is passed, upon its return, by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. Provides that if the Governor returns such a bill with specific recommendations for change to the house in which it originated, then those recommendations may be accepted only by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. Effective on being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
 4 NINETY-SEVENTH 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 add Section 8.1 to Article IV  
 9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV  
 11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8.1 new)

13 SECTION 8.1. PASSAGE OF BILLS WITH A FISCAL IMPACT.

14 A bill may become law only with the concurrence of  
 15 three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the  
 16 General Assembly if the bill directly: (i) requires the  
 17 expenditure of any State funds, (ii) decreases the revenues of  
 18 the State, (iii) requires that units of local government or  
 19 school districts expend their own funds, (iv) decreases the  
 20 revenues of units of local government or school districts, or  
 21 (v) revises the distribution of State funds among units of  
 22 local government or school districts. However, if the Governor  
 23 vetoes a bill so passed by returning it with his or her  
 24 objections to the house in which it originated, then that bill

1 shall not become law unless, upon its return, it it passed by a  
2 record vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each  
3 house of the General Assembly. Likewise, if the Governor  
4 returns a bill so passed with specific recommendations for  
5 change to the house in which it originated, then those  
6 recommendations may be accepted only by a record vote of  
7 three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the  
8 General Assembly.

9 SCHEDULE

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