



**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2013 and 2014**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0036**

Introduced , by Rep. Jeanne M Ives

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution relating to balanced budgets. Provides that the State budget shall be based on estimated revenue (now funds), defines "revenue". Provides that, except for deficiency or emergency appropriations, appropriations are expendable only during the fiscal year for which they were appropriated. Provides that the General Assembly by law may establish an extended period to pay lapsed appropriations, not to exceed six months beyond the end of the fiscal year. Provides that the Comptroller must independently certify the estimated revenue for the fiscal year. Provides that no budget shall become law without the Comptroller's independent certification that the planned expenditures are less than or equal to the revenue estimates for the ensuing fiscal year.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-EIGHTH 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 Section 2 of Article  
9 VIII of the Illinois Constitution 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 revenue funds ~~funds~~ available for appropriation at the  
18 beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a  
19 plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of  
20 every department, authority, public corporation and  
21 quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and  
22 university, and every other public agency created by the State,  
23 but not of units of local government or school districts. The

1 estimated balance of revenue set forth in the Governor's budget  
2 shall be based on the Comptroller's independent certification  
3 of revenue estimates for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget  
4 shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent  
5 liabilities of the State and such other information as may be  
6 required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds  
7 estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the  
8 budget. "Revenue" means receipts from taxes and fees; "revenue"  
9 does not include incurring debt, refinancing existing debt, or  
10 fund sweeps. No budget shall become law without the  
11 Comptroller's independent certification that the planned  
12 expenditures are less than or equal to the Comptroller's  
13 independently certified revenue estimates for the ensuing  
14 fiscal year.

15 (b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations  
16 for all expenditures of public funds by the State.  
17 Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds  
18 estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that  
19 year. Except for deficiency or emergency appropriations, all  
20 appropriations are expendable only during the fiscal year for  
21 which they were appropriated. The General Assembly by law may  
22 establish an extended period to pay obligations incurred during  
23 a fiscal year that would otherwise lapse not to exceed six  
24 months beyond the end of the fiscal year.

25 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

1 SCHEDULE

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