

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to
6 the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the
7 general election next occurring at least 6 months after the
8 adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 25
9 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE I
11 BILL OF RIGHTS

12 (ILCON Art. I, Sec. 25 new)

13 SECTION 25. TAXPAYER SUITS

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution
15 or any law or judicial decision to the contrary, each
16 taxpayer of this State or of any taxing district in this
17 State has standing to bring suit in the circuit court to
18 enforce the rights of taxpayers of the State or of that
19 taxing district, as the case may be. These rights of
20 taxpayers include, but are not limited to, the right, on
21 behalf of the State or a taxing district, to enjoin the
22 illegal disbursement of public funds, to recover public funds
23 illegally expended, to recover anything of value obtained
24 through the breach of a public official's fiduciary duty, and
25 to enforce any rights of taxpayers recognized at common law
26 or created by the General Assembly by law. Standing is
27 subject to (i) giving any prior notice to or making any prior
28 demand on a public official that is required by law to bring
29 suit and (ii) complying with any procedures that are required
30 by law.

31 SCHEDULE

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