

STATE OF ILLINOIS
99th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

114th Legislative Day

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #57, offered by Speaker Madigan.

Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE X

EDUCATION

SECTION 1. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT - FREE SCHOOLS

A fundamental right of the People of the State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities.

It is the paramount duty of the State to provide for a thorough and efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services and to guarantee equality of educational opportunity as a fundamental right of each citizen. Education in public schools through the secondary level shall be free. The State has the preponderant financial responsibility for financing the system of public education. There may be such other free education as the General Assembly provides by law.

SCHEDULE

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

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Constitutional Amendment Act. This was the First Reading-in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #57. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6553, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of this House Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."