

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 amend Section 8
9 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8)

13 SECTION 8. PASSAGE OF BILLS

14 (a) The enacting clause of the laws of this State shall
15 be: "Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
16 represented in the General Assembly."

17 (b) The General Assembly shall enact laws only by bill.
18 Bills may originate in either house, but may be amended or
19 rejected by the other.

20 (c) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence
21 of a majority of the members elected to each house. Final
22 passage of a bill shall be by record vote. In the Senate at
23 the request of two members, and in the House at the request
24 of five members, a record vote may be taken on any other
25 occasion. A record vote is a vote by yeas and nays entered on
26 the journal.

27 (d) A bill shall be read by title on three different
28 days in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall
29 be reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before
30 final passage.

31 Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the
32 codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be

1 confined to one subject. Appropriation bills shall be limited
2 to the subject of appropriations.

3 A bill expressly amending a law shall set forth
4 completely the sections amended.

5 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
6 President of the Senate shall sign each bill that passes both
7 houses to certify that the procedural requirements for
8 passage have been met.

9 (e) An action alleging that a Public Act is invalid
10 because it violates the requirement in subsection (d) that
11 bills, except bills for appropriations and for the
12 codification, revision, or rearrangement of laws, shall be
13 confined to one subject must be commenced within 3 years
14 after the effective date of the Public Act. If a Public Act
15 has more than one effective date, the action must be
16 commenced within 3 years after the earliest effective date in
17 the Public Act.

18 This subsection applies to Public Acts that take effect
19 on or after January 1, 2003.

20 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

21 SCHEDULE

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