

## HJRES 56

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Jul 11, 2011)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 SJRES 10	Identical bill	<b>Dec 14, 2011:</b> Failed of passage in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47 - 53. Record Vote Number: 229.
112 SJRES 23	Identical bill	<b>Nov 30, 2011:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-512.
112 HJRES 54	Related bill	<b>Jul 11, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 SJRES 3	Related bill	<b>Jan 26, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits outlays for a fiscal year (except those for repayment of debt principal) from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year (except those derived from borrowing) unless Congress, by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

Prohibits total outlays for any fiscal year from exceeding 18% of the gross domestic product (GDP) for the preceding calendar year unless Congress, by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess over such 18%.

Directs the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

Prohibits any bill from becoming law that imposes a new tax or increases the statutory rate of any tax or the aggregate amount of revenue, unless approved by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber.

Requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber to increase the federal debt limit.

Authorizes waivers of these requirements: (1) when a declaration of war is in effect against a nation-state and Congress, by a majority roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess; or (2) under other specified circumstances involving military conflict, if Congress, by a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes such waiver.

Prohibits a federal or state court from ordering any increase in revenue to enforce this article.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Apr 7, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 7, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.