

## HJRES 15

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jan 4, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jan 11, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 31, 2017
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 11, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Constitutional Amendment**

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total federal expenditures for a year from exceeding the average annual federal revenue collected in the three prior years, adjusted for changes in population and inflation. Expenditures for payment of debt and revenues derived from borrowing are excluded.

Congress may authorize specific expenditures in excess of the limit for up to one year by declaring an emergency with a roll call vote of two-thirds of each chamber.

The requirements take effect in the first year beginning at least 90 days following ratification, except that expenditures are permitted to exceed the limit by specified amounts during each of the first nine years that the requirements are in effect.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.