

HJRES 68

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

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2019

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 expenditures from exceeding total receipts for a fiscal year. The prohibition excludes expenditures for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

For a national emergency, two-thirds of each chamber of Congress may authorize expenditures that exceed receipts for limited times. Debts incurred from the expenditures must be paid as soon as practicable.

The amendment requires a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber of Congress to increase the public debt limit. It also requires the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

If the President does not submit a balanced budget for a fiscal year, any executive actions may be unilaterally overturned by a simple majority vote of each of chamber of Congress until the President submits a balanced budget.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jun 20, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 20, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.