

## HJRES 77

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

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Mar 17, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-joint-resolution/77>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Mar 17, 2022
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Mar 17, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 SJRES 42	Identical bill	<b>Mar 17, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### Summary (as of Mar 17, 2022)

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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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Mar 17, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.