

HJRES 78

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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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HJRES 106	Related bill	Dec 23, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HJRES 32	Related bill	Mar 19, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HJRES 3	Related bill	Mar 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting (1) total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year, and (2) increases to the public debt limit.

For emergency situations, Congress may authorize expenditures that violate these requirements for limited times if the expenditures are approved by a two-thirds vote of each chamber. Any debt incurred from these expenditures must be paid as soon as practicable.

The amendment also prohibits legislation that increases revenue from becoming law unless it is approved by a roll call vote of two-thirds of each chamber.

Finally, the amendment requires the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Mar 21, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 21, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.