

HJRES 67

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

Introduced: Jun 9, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 9, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HJRES 75	Related bill	Jun 15, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 36	Related bill	Mar 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 SJRES 14	Identical bill	Feb 16, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 9, 2023)

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year or 18% of the U.S. gross domestic product unless Congress authorizes the excess by a two-thirds vote of each chamber. The prohibition excludes outlays for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment requires a two-thirds vote of each chamber of Congress to levy a new tax, increase the rate of any tax, or increase the debt limit.

The amendment provides any Member of Congress with standing and a cause of action to seek judicial enforcement of this amendment if authorized by a petition signed by one-third of the Members of either chamber of Congress. Courts are prohibited from ordering any increase in revenue to enforce this amendment.

Actions Timeline

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