

**As Introduced**

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**H. J. R. No. 4**

**Representative Schuring**

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the 1  
Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General 2  
Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds 3  
to pay unemployment compensation benefits when the 4  
fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted 5  
or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal 6  
government to the unemployment compensation program. 7

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 8  
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 9  
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 10  
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the special 11  
election to be held on May 8, 2018, a proposal to enact Section 12  
2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to 13  
read as follows: 14

**ARTICLE VIII** 15

Section 2t. (A) In addition to the authorizations 16  
otherwise contained in Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution, 17  
the General Assembly may provide by law, in accordance with and 18  
subject to the limitations of this section, for the issuance of 19  
bonds and other obligations of the state for either of the 20

following purposes: 21

(1) Paying unemployment compensation benefits authorized 22  
under state law when the fund created for that purpose is or 23  
will be depleted; 24

(2) Financing or assisting in the financing of the cost to 25  
repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the 26  
unemployment compensation program of this state. 27

(B) An issuance under division (A) (2) of this section 28  
shall be made only if the director of budget and management 29  
determines that the rate of interest charged by the federal 30  
government for outstanding advances exceeds the rate of interest 31  
the treasurer of state likely would obtain for bonds issued 32  
under this section. 33

(C) The obligations issued under this section are general 34  
obligations of the state. The full faith and credit, revenue, 35  
and taxing power of the state shall be pledged to the payment of 36  
debt service on those outstanding obligations as it becomes due, 37  
and bond retirement fund provisions shall be made for payment of 38  
that debt service. Provision shall be made by law for the 39  
sufficiency and appropriation, for purposes of paying debt 40  
service, of excises, taxes, and revenues so pledged or committed 41  
to debt service, and for covenants to continue the levy, 42  
collection, and application of sufficient excises, taxes, and 43  
revenues to the extent needed for that purpose. Notwithstanding 44  
Section 22 of Article II, Ohio Constitution, no further act of 45  
appropriation shall be necessary for that purpose. The 46  
obligations and the provisions for the payment of debt service 47  
are not subject to Sections 5, 6, and 11 of Article XII, Ohio 48  
Constitution. Moneys referred to in Section 5a of Article XII, 49  
Ohio Constitution may not be pledged to the payment of that debt 50

service. 51

(D) Obligations issued under the authority of this 52  
section, their transfer, and the interest, interest equivalent, 53  
and other income or accreted amounts on them, including any 54  
profit made on their sale, exchange, or other disposition, shall 55  
at all times be free from taxation within the state. 56

(E) This section shall otherwise be implemented in the 57  
manner and to the extent provided by the General Assembly by 58  
law, including provision for the procedure for incurring and 59  
issuing obligations, separately or in combination with other 60  
obligations, and refunding, retiring, and evidencing 61  
obligations. The maturity date or dates of the obligations 62  
issued under the authority of this section and the total 63  
principal amount of those obligations shall be as determined by 64  
the General Assembly, subject to the limitation provided for in 65  
Section 17 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution. 66

(F) An obligation issued under this section is not subject 67  
to Section 4 or 5 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution. 68

(G) As used in this section, "debt service" means 69  
principal and interest and other accreted amounts payable on the 70  
obligations referred to. 71

EFFECTIVE DATE 72

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 73  
proposal, Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the 74  
State of Ohio takes immediate effect. 75