



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0017

Introduced 5/28/2025, by Rep. Ryan Spain

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. VI, Sec. 2

ILCON Art. VI, Sec. 3

Proposes to amend the Judicial Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that, beginning with the 2032 general election, the State shall be divided by law into 7 Judicial Districts for the selection of Supreme Court Judges and five Judicial Districts for the selection of Appellate Court Judges. Requires each Judicial District to be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population. Provides that, in the year of each federal decennial census, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Judicial Districts. Specifies that, if no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of that year, a Judicial Redistricting Commission shall be constituted as provided by law. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption
8 of this resolution a proposition to amend Sections 2 and 3 of
9 Article VI of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE VI
11 THE JUDICIARY

12 (ILCON Art. VI, Sec. 2)
13 SECTION 2. JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

14 (a) Until the 2032 general election, the ~~The~~ State is
15 divided into five Judicial Districts for the selection of
16 Supreme and Appellate Court Judges. The First Judicial
17 District consists of Cook County. The remainder of the State
18 shall be divided by law into four Judicial Districts of
19 substantially equal population, each of which shall be compact
20 and composed of contiguous counties.

21 (b) Beginning with the 2032 general election, the State
22 shall be divided by law into seven Judicial Districts for the
23 selection of Supreme Court Judges and five Judicial Districts

1 for the selection of Appellate Court Judges. Each Judicial
2 District shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal
3 in population.

4 (c) Nothing in this Section affects the tenure of a
5 Supreme Court Judge whose term of office begins before the
6 first Monday of December of the year following judicial
7 redistricting under subsection (b) of Section 3 of this
8 Article VI. No Supreme Court Judge whose term of office begins
9 before the first Monday of December of the year following
10 judicial redistricting under subsection (b) of Section 3 of
11 this Article VI shall be required to change his or her
12 residency in order to continue serving in office.

13 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

14 (ILCON Art. VI, Sec. 3)

15 SECTION 3. SUPREME COURT - ORGANIZATION AND REDISTRICTING

16 (a) The Supreme Court shall consist of seven Judges. ~~Three~~
17 ~~shall be~~ selected from ~~the First Judicial District and one~~
18 ~~from~~ each of the ~~other~~ Judicial Districts. Four Judges
19 constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of four is necessary
20 for a decision. Supreme Court Judges shall select a Chief
21 Justice from their number to serve for a term of three years.

22 (b) In the year following each federal decennial census,
23 the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Judicial
24 Districts. If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June
25 30 of that year, a Judicial Redistricting Commission shall be

1 constituted as provided by law for the redistricting of the
2 Judicial Districts in the State.

3 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

4 SCHEDULE

5 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
6 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
7 Constitutional Amendment Act.