



**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2019 and 2020**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**SC0011**

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Jason A. Barickman

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend The Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Limits a person's total service in any one of the following offices: Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate to a total of 5 General Assemblies. Applies to service on or after the second Wednesday in January, 2021. Does not apply to service to fill a vacancy in the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate. Provides for purposes of calculation of a person's service under this provision, a General Assembly is the 2-year period from the convening of a General Assembly on the second Wednesday of January in an odd-numbered year until the convening of the next General Assembly on the second Wednesday of January in the next odd-numbered year. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
2                                   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 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 of  
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the  
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 6 as follows:

10                                   ARTICLE IV  
11                                   THE LEGISLATURE

12           (IILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6)

13           SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

14           (a) A majority of the members elected to each house  
15 constitutes a quorum.

16           (b) On the first day of the January session of the General  
17 Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall  
18 convene the House of Representatives to elect from its  
19 membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as  
20 presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to  
21 elect from its membership a President of the Senate as  
22 presiding officer. A person may not serve more than a total of  
23 5 General Assemblies in any one of the following offices:

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the  
2 Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or  
3 Minority Leader of the Senate; provided that service before the  
4 second Wednesday in January of 2021 and service to fill a  
5 vacancy in the office of Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of  
7 the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate  
8 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's  
9 service. For purposes of calculation of a person's service  
10 under this subsection, a General Assembly is the 2-year period  
11 from the convening of a General Assembly on the second  
12 Wednesday of January in an odd-numbered year until the  
13 convening of the next General Assembly on the second Wednesday  
14 of January in the next odd-numbered year.

15 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this  
16 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member  
17 of the numerically strongest political party other than the  
18 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the  
19 case may be.

20 (d) Each house shall determine the rules of its  
21 proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications  
22 of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be  
23 expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the  
24 members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only  
25 once for the same offense. Each house may punish by  
26 imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to

1 the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its  
2 presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four  
3 hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or  
4 contemptuous behavior.

5 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

6 SCHEDULE

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