



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0022

Introduced 2/25/2009, by Rep. Paul D. Froehlich

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

(ILCON Art. XIV, Sec. 5 new)

Proposes to amend the Constitutional Revision Article of the Illinois Constitution. Authorizes amendments to the statement of economic interests Section of the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution by initiative. Requires that the amendment be limited to establishing and enforcing ethical standards for State and local officeholders and candidates. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
 4 NINETY-SIXTH 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 of
 8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article XIV of the
 9 Illinois Constitution by adding Section 5 as follows:

10 ARTICLE XIV
 11 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

12 (ILCON Art. XIV, Sec. 5 new)

13 SECTION 5. CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE FOR ETHICAL STANDARDS

14 Amendments to Section 2 of Article XIII of this
 15 Constitution may be proposed by a petition signed by a number
 16 of electors equal to at least 8% of the total votes cast for
 17 candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial
 18 election. Amendments shall be limited to subjects that
 19 establish and enforce ethical standards for candidates for or
 20 holders of office in units of local government, in school
 21 districts, or in the legislative, executive, or judicial branch
 22 of State government. A petition shall contain the text of the
 23 proposed amendment and the date of the general election at

1 which the proposed amendment is to be submitted, shall have
2 been signed by the petitioning electors not more than 24 months
3 preceding that general election, and shall be filed with the
4 State Board of Elections at least 6 months before that general
5 election. The procedure for determining the validity and
6 sufficiency of a petition shall be provided by law. If the
7 petition is valid and sufficient, the proposed amendment shall
8 be submitted to the electors at the general election and shall
9 be adopted if approved by either three-fifths of those voting
10 on the question or a majority of those voting in the election.

11 SCHEDULE

12 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
13 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
14 Constitutional Amendment Act.