



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0039

Introduced 2/25/2009, by Sen. Chris Lauzen

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article and the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a person may not hold any of the statewide offices, the office of State Senator, or the office of State Representative for more than 12 consecutive years. Provides that any service during a term that began before January 1, 2011, shall not be used when computing the 12 years. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH 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 the Illinois
9 Constitution by changing Section 2 of Article IV and Section 2
10 of Article V as follows:

11 ARTICLE IV
12 THE LEGISLATURE

13 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2)

14 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

15 (a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative
16 District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting,
17 the General Assembly by law shall divide the Legislative
18 Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators
19 from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four
20 years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms
21 of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the
22 third group, for terms of two years, four years and four years.
23 The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed

1 substantially equally over the State.

2 (b) Each Legislative District shall be divided into two
3 Representative Districts. In 1982 and every two years
4 thereafter one Representative shall be elected from each
5 Representative District for a term of two years.

6 A person may not hold the office of State Senator or State
7 Representative, each office considered separately, for more
8 than 12 consecutive years; when computing the 12 years, service
9 in office during any portion of a term that began before
10 January 1, 2011, shall not be counted.

11 (c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General
12 Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21
13 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or
14 appointment a resident of the district which he is to
15 represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a
16 candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any
17 district which contains a part of the district in which he
18 resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a
19 resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior
20 to reelection.

21 (d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be
22 filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in
23 a Senatorial office with more than twenty-eight months
24 remaining in the term, the appointed Senator shall serve until
25 the next general election, at which time a Senator shall be
26 elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy

1 is in a Representative office or in any other Senatorial
2 office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term.
3 An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same
4 political party as the person he succeeds.

5 (e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive
6 compensation as a public officer or employee from any other
7 governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance
8 as a member of the General Assembly.

9 No member of the General Assembly during the term for which
10 he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public
11 office which shall have been created or the compensation for
12 which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during
13 that term.

14 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
15 1980.)

16 ARTICLE V
17 THE EXECUTIVE

18 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

19 SECTION 2. TERMS

20 These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold
21 office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January
22 after their election and, except in the case of the Lieutenant
23 Governor, until their successors are qualified. They shall be
24 elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years

1 thereafter.

2 A person may not hold the office of Governor, Lieutenant
3 Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller,
4 or Treasurer, each office considered separately, for more than
5 12 consecutive years; when computing the 12 years, service in
6 office during any portion of a term that began before January
7 1, 2011, shall not be counted.

8 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

9 SCHEDULE

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