



**97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2011 and 2012**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0035**

Introduced , by Rep. John D. Cavaletto

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits a Representative from serving more than 12 total years. Prohibits a Senator from serving more than 12 total years. Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits an executive branch officer from serving more than 3 consecutive terms in the same executive branch office. Effective upon being declared adopted. Applies to the election of General Assembly members beginning in the first general election that occurs after that date.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION  
 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
 4 NINETY-SEVENTH 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 the Illinois  
 9 Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV and by  
 10 changing Section 2 of Article 5 as follows:

11 ARTICLE IV  
 12 THE LEGISLATURE

13 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new)

14 SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

15 (a) A person may not serve more than 12 total years of  
 16 office as a Representative.

17 (b) A person may not serve more than 12 total years of  
 18 office as a Senator.

19 (c) A person is considered to serve a term of office for  
 20 the purpose of this Section if the person is elected or  
 21 appointed to serve any portion of the term.

22 ARTICLE V

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## THE EXECUTIVE

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(ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

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## SECTION 2. TERMS

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

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(b) A person may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms of office within the same Executive Branch office.

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A person is considered to serve a term of office for the purpose of this subsection if the person is elected or appointed to serve any portion of the term.

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(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

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This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the election of members of the General Assembly beginning in the first general election that occurs after that date.

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