



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0051

Introduced , by Rep. Carol A. Sente

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 the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House, or Minority Leader of the Senate to a total of 14 years. Effective upon being declared adopted and applies to service on or after the second Wednesday in January, 2015.

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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 Article IV of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 6 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON 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 14 years in the office of Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of
2 the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate;
3 provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of
4 2015 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's
5 service.

6 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this
7 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member
8 of the numerically strongest political party other than the
9 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the
10 case may be.

11 (d) Each house shall determine the rules of its
12 proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications
13 of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be
14 expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the
15 members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only
16 once for the same offense. Each house may punish by
17 imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to
18 the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its
19 presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four
20 hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or
21 contemptuous behavior.

22 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

23 SCHEDULE

24 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
25 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois

1 Constitutional Amendment Act.