



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0052

Introduced , by Rep. Sidney H. Mathias

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend a portion of the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution that concerns the organization of the General Assembly. Deletes a provision which provides that a member of the General Assembly may be expelled from office only once for the same offense. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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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 Section 6 of Article IV
9 of the Illinois Constitution 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.

23 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this

1 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member
2 of the numerically strongest political party other than the
3 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the
4 case may be.

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

16 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

17 SCHEDULE

18 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
19 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
20 Constitutional Amendment Act.