



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0024

Introduced , by Rep. David McSweeney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that no person may serve more than eight years in the General Assembly. Provides that no person may be elected or appointed as Senator or Representative if, upon completion of the term of office, that person will have been a member of the General Assembly for more than eight years. Provides that time served in the General Assembly before the session beginning in January 2017 shall not count toward the eight-year service limitation.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH 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 2 of Article IV
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2)

13 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

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

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

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

15 (d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be
16 filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in
17 a Senatorial office with more than twenty-eight months
18 remaining in the term, the appointed Senator shall serve until
19 the next general election, at which time a Senator shall be
20 elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy
21 is in a Representative office or in any other Senatorial
22 office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term.
23 An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same
24 political party as the person he succeeds.

25 (e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive
26 compensation as a public officer or employee from any other

1 governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance
2 as a member of the General Assembly.

3 No member of the General Assembly during the term for which
4 he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public
5 office which shall have been created or the compensation for
6 which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during
7 that term.

8 (f) No person may serve more than eight years in the
9 General Assembly. No person may be elected or appointed as
10 Senator or Representative if, upon completion of the term of
11 office, that person will have been a member of the General
12 Assembly for more than eight years. Time served in the General
13 Assembly before the session beginning in January 2017 shall not
14 count toward the eight-year service limitation.

15 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
16 1980.)

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.