



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0023

Introduced 1/22/2016, by Sen. Heather A. Steans

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend The Legislature and Executive Articles of the Illinois Constitution. Limits a person's total service in the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives or President of the Senate to a total of 10 years. Provides that a person may not serve more than 2 terms within the Office of the Governor. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 Section 6 of Article IV
9 and Section 2 of Article V of the Illinois Constitution as
10 follows:

11 ARTICLE IV
12 THE LEGISLATURE

13 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6)

14 SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

15 (a) A majority of the members elected to each house
16 constitutes a quorum.

17 (b) On the first day of the January session of the General
18 Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall
19 convene the House of Representatives to elect from its
20 membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as
21 presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to
22 elect from its membership a President of the Senate as
23 presiding officer. A person may not serve more than a total of

1 10 years in the office of Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives or President of the Senate; provided that
3 service before the second Wednesday in January of 2017 shall
4 not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

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

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

21 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

22 ARTICLE V

23 THE EXECUTIVE

24 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

1 SECTION 2. TERMS

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

8 (b) A person may not serve more than 2 terms within the
9 office of the Governor.

10 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

11 SCHEDULE

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