



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0050

Introduced , by Rep. Renée Kosel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits a person from holding the following offices for more than a total of 8 years, provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2015 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service: Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the Senate, Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, Assistant Majority Leader in the Senate, Assistant Minority Leader in the Senate, Assistant Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, Assistant Minority Leader in the House of Representatives, Deputy Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, Deputy Minority Leader in the House of Representatives, Majority Caucus Chairman in the Senate, Minority Caucus Chairman in the Senate, Majority Conference Chairman in the House of Representatives, and the Minority Conference Chairman in the House of Representatives. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-EIGHTH 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 changing Section 6 of Article 4 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 shall not serve more than a total
23 of 8 years in the office of the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of
2 the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the Senate,
3 Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, Assistant
4 Majority Leader in the Senate, Assistant Minority Leader in the
5 Senate, Assistant Majority Leader in the House of
6 Representatives, Assistant Minority Leader in the House of
7 Representatives, Deputy Majority Leader in the House of
8 Representatives, Deputy Minority Leader in the House of
9 Representatives, Majority Caucus Chairman in the Senate,
10 Minority Caucus Chairman in the Senate, Majority Conference
11 Chairman in the House of Representatives, and the Minority
12 Conference Chairman in the House of Representatives; provided
13 that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2015
14 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's
15 service.

16 (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this
17 Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member
18 of the numerically strongest political party other than the
19 party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the
20 case may be.

21 (d) Each house shall determine the rules of its
22 proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications
23 of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be
24 expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the
25 members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only
26 once for the same offense. Each house may punish by

1 imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to
2 the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its
3 presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four
4 hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or
5 contemptuous behavior.

6 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

7 SCHEDULE

8 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
9 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
10 Constitutional Amendment Act.