



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0001

Introduced 1/9/2025, by Rep. Charles Meier

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that each Legislative District shall be composed of three contiguous counties, with a separate additional Legislative District for each municipality with a population over one million. Provides that Representative Districts shall be drawn independently of Legislative Districts.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FOURTH 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
8 of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 2 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (IILCON 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 composed of three
2 contiguous counties, with a separate additional Legislative
3 District for each municipality with a population over one
4 million ~~divided into two Representative Districts~~. In 1982 and
5 every two years thereafter one Representative shall be elected
6 from each Representative District for a term of two years.
7 Representative Districts shall be drawn independently of
8 Legislative Districts.

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

19 (d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be
20 filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in
21 a Senatorial office with more than twenty-eight months
22 remaining in the term, the appointed Senator shall serve until
23 the next general election, at which time a Senator shall be
24 elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy
25 is in a Representative office or in any other Senatorial
26 office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the

1 term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the
2 same political party as the person he succeeds.

3 (e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive
4 compensation as a public officer or employee from any other
5 governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance
6 as a member of the General Assembly.

7 No member of the General Assembly during the term for
8 which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a
9 public office which shall have been created or the
10 compensation for which shall have been increased by the
11 General Assembly during that term.

12 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
13 1980.)

14 SCHEDULE

15 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
16 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
17 Constitutional Amendment Act.