



**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2017 and 2018**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**HC0047**

Introduced , by Rep. Jim Durkin

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2

Proposes to amend the Legislature and Executive Articles of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a person may not be elected to the office of State Senator or State Representative, or a combination of those offices, for terms totaling more than 10 years. Limits a person's total service in the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate to a total of 8 years in any one office and 10 years combined in 2 or more offices. Provides that service in the General Assembly before the second Wednesday in January of 2019 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Provides that a person may not be elected to any Executive Branch office, or any combination of Executive Branch offices, for terms totaling more than 8 years; service before the second Monday in January of 2019 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service. 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 ONE  
 4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE  
 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, and to add Section 2.5 to Article  
 10 IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

11                                   ARTICLE IV  
 12                                   THE LEGISLATURE

13                   (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new)

14           SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

15                   A person may not be elected to the office of State Senator  
 16 or State Representative, or a combination of those offices, for  
 17 terms totaling more than 10 years. Service before the second  
 18 Wednesday in January of 2019 shall not be considered in the  
 19 calculation of a person's service.

20                   (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 6)

21           SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

22                   (a) A majority of the members elected to each house

1 constitutes a quorum.

2 (b) On the first day of the January session of the General  
3 Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall  
4 convene the House of Representatives to elect from its  
5 membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as  
6 presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to  
7 elect from its membership a President of the Senate as  
8 presiding officer. A person may serve no more than a total of 8  
9 years in any one of the following offices and no more than a  
10 combined total of 10 years in any 2 or more of the following  
11 offices: Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of  
12 the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or  
13 Minority Leader of the Senate; provided that service before the  
14 second Wednesday in January of 2019 shall not be considered in  
15 the calculation of a person's 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 ARTICLE V  
8 THE EXECUTIVE

9 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

10 SECTION 2. TERMS

11 These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold  
12 office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January  
13 after their election and, except in the case of the Lieutenant  
14 Governor, until their successors are qualified. They shall be  
15 elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years  
16 thereafter. A person may not be elected to any Executive Branch  
17 office, or any combination of Executive Branch offices, for  
18 terms totaling more than 8 years. Service before the second  
19 Monday in January of 2019 shall not be considered in the  
20 calculation of a person's service.

21 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

22 SCHEDULE

23 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being

1 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois  
2 Constitutional Amendment Act.