



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0003

Introduced 1/29/2021, by Rep. Mark Batinick and Brad Halbrook

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 2.5 new
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2
ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 3

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 for terms totalling more than 12 years in each office. Provides that a person may not be elected to any single Executive Branch office for terms totalling more than 8 years in each office. Provides that service prior to the date of the adoption of the amendment shall be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Provides that any person in office at the time of the adoption of this amendment to the Illinois Constitution who meets the specified term limitation shall be allowed to complete his or her term of office. Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that the Auditor General shall serve a term of 4 years (rather than 10 years), and shall not be eligible for reappointment. Specifies that the provision shall apply to service as Auditor General prior to the adoption of the amendment. Provides further requirements concerning any person serving as the Auditor General at the time of the adoption of the amendment. 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 HUNDRED SECOND 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 add Section 2.5 to Article
9 IV, amend Section 2 of Article V, and amend Section 3 of
10 Article VIII 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 for terms totalling more than 12 years
17 in each office. Service prior to the date of the adoption of
18 this amendment to the Illinois Constitution shall be
19 considered in the calculation of a person's service. Any
20 person in office at the time of the adoption of this amendment
21 to the Illinois Constitution who meets the term limitation set
22 by this Section shall be allowed to complete his or her term of
23 office.

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ARTICLE V
THE EXECUTIVE

(ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

SECTION 2. TERMS

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

(b) A person may not be elected to any single Executive Branch office for terms totalling more than 8 years in each office. Service prior to the date of the adoption of this amendment to the Illinois Constitution shall be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Any person in office at the time of the adoption of this amendment to the Illinois Constitution who meets the term limitation set by this Section shall be allowed to complete his or her term of office.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

ARTICLE VIII
FINANCE

(ILCON Art. VIII, Sec. 3)

1 SECTION 3. STATE AUDIT AND AUDITOR GENERAL

2 (a) The General Assembly shall provide by law for the
3 audit of the obligation, receipt and use of public funds of the
4 State. The General Assembly, by a vote of three-fifths of the
5 members elected to each house, shall appoint an Auditor
6 General and may remove him for cause by a similar vote. The
7 Auditor General shall serve for a single term of 4 ~~ten~~ years,
8 and shall not be eligible for reappointment. Service prior to
9 the date of the adoption of this amendment to the Illinois
10 Constitution shall be considered in the calculation of a
11 person's service. Any person in office at the time of the
12 adoption of this amendment to the Illinois Constitution, if
13 that person has not yet served 4 years in office, shall be
14 allowed to complete a 4-year term of office. If the person in
15 office as Auditor General at the time of the adoption of this
16 amendment to the Illinois Constitution has served 4 years or
17 more as Auditor General, that person's term of office shall
18 end upon the declaration of the adoption of this amendment.
19 His compensation shall be established by law and shall not be
20 diminished, but may be increased, to take effect during his
21 term.

22 (b) The Auditor General shall conduct the audit of public
23 funds of the State. He shall make additional reports and
24 investigations as directed by the General Assembly. He shall
25 report his findings and recommendations to the General
26 Assembly and to the Governor.

1 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

2 SCHEDULE

3 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
4 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
5 Constitutional Amendment Act.