95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0041

Introduced 3/3/2008, by Rep. Mike Boland

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. VII, Sec. 3

Proposes to amend the Local Government Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that if the number of members of a county board exceeds 17, then the number of members may be reduced to 17 upon approval at a county-wide referendum initiated by petition of the county's voters as provided by law. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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3   RESOLVED,   BY   THE   HOUSE   OF   REPRESENTATIVES   OF   THE

4   NINETY-FIFTH 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 Article VII of the

9   Illinois Constitution by changing Section 3 as follows:

10   ARTICLE VII

11   LOCAL GOVERNMENT

12   (ILCON Art. VII, Sec. 3)

13   SECTION 3. COUNTY BOARDS

14   (a) A county board shall be elected in each county. The

15   number of members of the county board shall be fixed by

16   ordinance in each county within limitations provided by law;

17   provided that if the number of a county's board members exceeds

18   17, then that county's number of members may be reduced to 17

19   upon approval at a county-wide referendum initiated by petition

20   of the county's voters as provided by law.

21   (b) The General Assembly by law shall provide methods

22   available to all counties for the election of county board

23   members. No county, other than Cook County, may change its

1   method of electing board members except as approved by

2   county-wide referendum.

3   (c) Members of the Cook County Board shall be elected from

4   two districts, Chicago and that part of Cook County outside

5   Chicago, unless (1) a different method of election is approved

6   by a majority of votes cast in each of the two districts in a

7   county-wide referendum or (2) the Cook County Board by

8   ordinance divides the county into single member districts from

9   which members of the County Board resident in each district are

10 elected. If a different method of election is adopted pursuant

11 to option (1) the method of election may thereafter be altered

12 only pursuant to option (2) or by county-wide referendum. A

13 different method of election may be adopted pursuant to option

14 (2) only once and the method of election may thereafter be

15 altered only by county-wide referendum.

16 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

17   SCHEDULE

18   This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being

19 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois

20 Constitutional Amendment Act.