



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0042

Introduced , by Rep. William B. Black

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 3

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Makes a technical change. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH 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 Section 3 of Article IV
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 3)

13 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

14 (a) Legislative Districts shall ~~shall~~ be compact,
15 contiguous and substantially equal in population.
16 Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and
17 substantially equal in population.

18 (b) In the year following each Federal decennial census
19 year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the
20 Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts.

21 If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of
22 that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be
23 constituted not later than July 10. The Commission shall
24 consist of eight members, no more than four of whom shall be

1 members of the same political party.

2 The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
3 Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one
4 Representative and one person who is not a member of the
5 General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the
6 Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and one
7 person who is not a member of the General Assembly.

8 The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by
9 the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall
10 be filled within five days by the authority that made the
11 original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be
12 chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission.

13 Not later than August 10, the Commission shall file with
14 the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at
15 least five members.

16 If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting
17 plan, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons,
18 not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not
19 later than September 1.

20 Not later than September 5, the Secretary of State publicly
21 shall draw by random selection the name of one of the two
22 persons to serve as the ninth member of the Commission.

23 Not later than October 5, the Commission shall file with
24 the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at
25 least five members.

26 An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of

1 State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect
2 of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of
3 State.

4 The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive
5 jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House
6 and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People
7 of the State by the Attorney General.

8 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
9 1980.)

10 SCHEDULE

11 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
12 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
13 Constitutional Amendment Act.